

AMMERT BROS.

AUCTIONEERS, APPRAISERS
AND SURVEYORS

Public Auctions

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

FRIDAY, September 28, 1923,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at the China Navigation Steamship Co's
Godown, West Point.
(For account of the Consignor),
143 Baskets Groundnut Oil.
50 Wooden Tubs Groundnut Oil.
312 Empty Oil Baskets (stored at the
China Navigation Co's Coal Yard, North
Point).
Terms:—Cash on delivery.
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

THE Undersigned have received instructions from C. D. Wilkinson Esq. to sell by Public Auction on

MONDAY, October 1, 1923,
commencing at 11 a.m.
at his residence No. 82 The Peak
"The Falls".

The Who's of his
Saleable Household Furniture.

Comprising:—
Teak hat stand, crown-shaped couch
and armchairs, (cotton covered), curio
cabinet, book case, music cabinet, fire
brass, card table, teak overmantle
with bevelled mirror, brass and bronze
ornaments, marble clock, curtains,
carpets, rugs, curio, etc., etc.

Teak extension dining table, chairs,
teak side board with bevelled mirror,
dinner waggons, crockery, glass ware,
cutlery, cut glass, F. P. ware, table
lamps, doaks, etc., etc.

Double and single teak and iron
bedsteads, teak double and single
wardrobes with glass doors, dressing
table, marble top wash stands, chest of
drawers, toilet sets, etc., etc.

Cooking stove, cooking utensils,
plants, ferns, garden seats, etc., etc.

Also
A Large Quantity of Blackwood
Ware.

One Grand Piano by John Broad-
wood & Son.
On View on Day of Sale.
Catalogues will be issued.
Terms:—Cash on delivery.

LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 24th September, 1923.

THE Undersigned have received instructions to sell by Public Auction on

THURSDAY, October 4, 1923,
commencing at 10.30 a.m.
at the premises of The Hongkong Steel
Foundry Company, Limited
(Shaukiwan Road).

The Complete Foundry Plant.

Comprising:—
Melting Furnaces (complete),
Annealing Furnaces, Heating Ovens,
Crucibles, Drilling Machines, Screwing
Machines, for Pipes and
Rods, Double Gear Slides and
Surface Screw Cutting Machine, Planing
Machine, Fan Blower, Overhead sling
lifting, etc., etc.

Also
One Electric Furnace complete with
all equipment and 1 extra Transformer,
Ovens, Furnaces and Fittings including
Drawings.

And
The Steam Locomotive "Peggy".
Terms:—Cash on delivery.

For Further particulars apply to the
undersigned:—
LAMMERT BROS.,
Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 22nd September, 1923.

PUBLIC AUCTION

The Series of Auctions at

"KINGSCLERE"

Kennedy Road

with commences on

TUESDAY

2nd October 1923

at 11 a.m.

and

WEDNESDAY

3rd October 1923

at 11 a.m.

The dates of Subsequent Sales will

be announced later.

LAMMERT BROS.

Auctioneers.

Hongkong, 20th September, 1923.

HONGKONG HEIGHTS.

For the information of visitors at
following list of some of the highest
points on the Island and Mainland is
published:—

ISLAND.

Point	Feet
Signal Station	1774
2nd Parker	1734
Mountain Lodge	1725
The Eyrie	1725
Peak Hotel	1805
Taikeo Sanatorium	1800
MT. Davis	877
Bowen Rd. (Alberbide)	893

MAINLAND.

Taiwan Shan	8124
Kowloon Peak	1971
Lion Rock	1645
Shatin Peak	1000
Customs Pass	780
St. Paul's Peak	724

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ODDS AND ENDS.

MAINLY SCISSORS LOOT.

Fashion Notes.

This is the time of year when
woman begins to think about the
autumn and winter styles, while
gross, greedy men are thinking
about oysters on the halfshell.
Advices from Paris tell us that the
hobble-skirt is coming back, also
that the coming back will be bare
one, as the newest evening frocks
have no backs in them at all. An
attempt has been made to popu-
larize long heels, but it may not
be successful, as refined women
dislike anything that is low. Skirts
will not be worn longer, but mar-
ried men's suits will be worn much
longer.

Babies Born With Teeth.

M. Bolard, a surgeon of Bordeaux,
France, recently reported to the
local medical society a case of twin
boys, one of whom was born with
all his teeth, and the other having
cut a tooth twelve days after birth.
The *World Magazine* relates, "This
is a very rare occurrence, of which
only about fifty cases have been
recorded in medical literature," a
London physician told a *Daily Mail*
representative. "It used to be re-
garded as a portent that the child
would grow up with exceptional
strength or mental ability. King
Richard III, Louis XIV., the great
philosopher Bigot, and Boyd the poet,
were born with teeth; Louis XIV.
had two teeth at birth."

Sea Music.

A modern composer who loved
the sea and tried to paint it in his
music was Debussy, whose three
symphonic sketches "La Mer"
("De l'Aube à midi sur la Mer,"
"Jeux de Vagues," and "Dialogue
du Vent et de la Mer") are to be
reckoned among his most impor-
tant orchestral pieces. And this
example in this respect has been
followed by many of our leading
British composers, writes H. A.
Scott in *John's London Weekly*.
Elgar's little essay in one of his
famous Enigma Variations, de-
dicated to a friend travelling at sea
and introducing a quotation from
Mendelssohn's "Calm Sea and Pros-
perous Voyage," hardly counts
perhaps; but his famous set
of songs, "Sea Pictures," can
certainly not be overlooked in this
connection. More important still
is Vaughan Williams' "Sea
Symphony," one of his finest works
(in which connection it may also be
mentioned an orchestral piece,
"The Solent," which he has not yet
published), while another big
choral work, similarly inspired,
is Delius's "Sea Drift," though here
the sea serves only as a back-
ground to Walt Whitman's poem.
Then Frank Bridges has written an
admirable "Sea Suite," while
harking back a little, Stanford's
famous setting of Tennyson's "The
Revenge" must, of course, be
included, and also his equally
popular "Songs of the Sea."
Mackenzie, too, owed to the sea
one of his happiest inspirations in
the shape of his brilliant "Nautical"
overture, though Parry, rather
curiously, seeing that he was
passionately devoted to the sea
and an ardent yachtsman never
seems to have been moved to
combine the roles of mariner and
musician.

Photographing Thought.

A professor of psychological research
out in California has evolved a
means of photographing thought,
and has demonstrated it to the
satisfaction of one and all, the *New
York American* tells us. The em-
barrassing part of the thing is that
he can work it on anybody and
without a camera. All he does is
to hold up a sensitive plate, and if
you concentrate sufficiently, your
thoughts will appear on the plate
all pictured out, truthfully and life-
like. It is now up to all men to
take an inventory of their thoughts
and rearrange them so they will
look well in print, just as a man
combs his hair and gets a shave
before he goes to have his photo-
graph taken. In other words, he
has got to pose his thoughts. But
the little machine is going to be
very valuable when people gen-
erally learn how to operate it.
How handy it will be when a
man goes into the financial district
to buy a few stocks, to have
one of these thought plates with
him. He can even go into a bucket
shop with perfect security. If he
knows what the stock salesman is
thinking about, he will never be
stung. A lady will be able to sit
at the dinner table in the evening
with one of these plates ready for
action, and when her husband says
he has got to go down town and
meet a customer from Chicago, she
can learn the truth in the twinkling
of an eye. The supreme test of
the machine will be to try it on
some of our present-day statesmen.
Nobody in the world can imagine
what they are thinking about, and
we have an idea the machine will
fail. Turned on the average wife,
it will show a picture of a new hat.
On a motorist, it will show a large
red gasoline pump in front of a
filling station. On the average
hard-working husband and father,
it will show a set of income-tax
figures. The safest thing to do
when these machines are abroad
throughout the land is to think
about nothing, and a large per-
centage of the people do that, too.

Dinosaurs in Alberta.

Few people travelling along the
Canadian Pacific main line, where
it crosses the prairies east of
Calgary, know that a compara-
tively short distance north, in the
Red Deer River valley there is a
section known as the "Bad Lands."
In it are found the fossil remains
of many prehistoric monsters, such
as the duck-billed dinosaur tri-
cladon, which attained a length of
50, 60, even 100 feet. Several
scientific expeditions have visited
the "Bad Lands" and each year
tourists in the motor car from
Brooks, on the Canadian Pacific
Railway, 110 miles east of Calgary,
attracted by the picturesque charac-
ter of the Canyon of the Red River
and by the long-buried secrets of
bygone ages which it is now
giving up.

A. B. . . y German.

An incident in pleasing contrast
to the stories of sabotage, outrage
and reprisals in the Ruhr Valley
comes from the Rhine and tells
of the heroic conduct of a
young German who, forgetting past
enmities, went to the rescue of a
couple of his former enemies, Max
Fleit and two French soldiers bath-
ing in the Rhine River, and who,
unable to swim, were in a perilous
condition. He swam to their as-
sistance and rescued both of them.
The French Tribunal, wishing to
reward him, told him that he could
ask anything he desired. He re-
quested that the lives of seven men
who had been condemned to be
shot for causing trouble to the
French authorities, might be
spared.

Styles in Chairs.

The chairs of the Charles II. and
the William and Mary periods
were in many respects very
similar, but it would seem that
the motifs introduced in the former
reign found a more finished ex-
pression when William became
King. The very strong Dutch in-
fluence that affected the furniture
at this time was responsible for
the cabriole leg, the first use of which
we find towards the end of the
reign. The contour of the backs of
chairs, too, was now elaborated,
being shaped in an ogive curve for
the greater comfort of the sitter.
The carved under-stretcher also
gave way to a series of more or less
elaborate shapes, joining all four
legs together diagonally. All
these changes became possible by
craftsmen realising to the full the
possibilities of walnut in contrast
with oak. — C. H. Hayward, August
Good Housekeeping.

Archbishop's Costly Palace.

The Archbishop of York, writing in
his Diocesan Gazette, says: "I
gather that it has been stated in the
Press that I have obtained a loan
from the Ecclesiastical Commis-
sioners for 'improvements in the
episcopal residence at Bishopthorpe'.
I have been somewhat
amused by comments on this fact
which have reached me implying
that this is not the time to spend
large sums of money on improve-
ments of a house already too large
and expensive, &c. Also the word
'improvements' is only a technical
word for very necessary economies.
The huge stables at Bishopthorpe
are in urgent need of very exten-
sive repairs. They contain stalls
for twenty-six horses and
corresponding lofts, which will
certainly never be used again for
the purpose for which they were
built. Only a portion of the stables
is needed for use now, or will ever
be needed for use in the future. I
cannot myself bear, nor have I the
right to impose upon my successor,
the burden of keeping all of these
large and useless buildings, of
repair, in addition to the very heavy
burden of meeting, of necessity,
the dilapidations on the house
itself. The object of the loan for
which I have applied is to pull
down such portions of these stables
as are not, and will never be, used,
and to reconstruct the portions
which will remain. This will ul-
timately mean a great easing of the
already too heavy cost of maintain-
ing Bishopthorpe."

On The Appian Way.

Those who go to Rome walk too
little upon the Appian Way. It is
not specially recommended to the
tourists. True, there are other
things, so many of them, to see
and do in Rome, and they may be
more historically spectacular. The
Appian Way, to the eyes and
minds of some, may not appear like
a brilliant relic of the past. It is
not at once accessible. One must
take a motor-car or go down to the
public omnibus by the Trajan
Forum to reach the gate of San
Sebastiano, and pass some way be-
yond it to the gentle incline by the
side of the majestic tomb of
Cecilia Metella stands. Hereabout
we emerge into something like
open country, and the Appian Way
leads on before us, straight out to-
wards the east. It is a roughish
road, but little cared for now. In
the winter-time it is deeply rutted
and muddy. There is waste grassy
land about the sides, and walls
which were built by the
successors of Balbus, the specialist
in these constructions. Poplars
and cypress trees are bent by the
prevailing wind. Here and there
is a Roman cottage of the time, the
occupants living in the humblest
way; and there are farmhouses of
sorts with husbandmen at humble
work. But most specially, as is

5,000,000 TELEGRAMS.

TOTALISATOR ENCOURAGES
GAMBLING.

"OF 36,000,000 telegrams which
passed through my office we esti-
mate 2,500,000 are in connection
with horse-racing, but not neces-
sarily betting. In the country at
large 72,000,000 telegrams are dis-
patched, excluding Press telegrams,
and of that number 5,000,000 tele-
grams are in connection with horse-
racing."

This statement was made by Mr.
John Lee, Controller of the Central
Telegraph Office, to the Select Com-
mittee on Betting. Racing tele-
grams represented about 7 per cent.
of the whole telegraphic traffic dur-
ing the year, while Press telegrams
dealing with racing represented
about 10 per cent.

In the large offices the number of
telegrams sent in connection with
horse-racing was considerably in
excess of what it was before the
war, while the telegrams forwarded
and received at race meetings had
considerably decreased. In London
alone 14,000 betting telegrams were
sent daily by telephone.

There were usually an increase in
betting telegrams during an indus-
trial strike and he instance the coal
strike in South Wales, when it was
particularly heavy.

EFFECT OF THE "TOTE."
Mr. Arthur Pavey, who was
secretary of the Royal Calcutta Turf
Club for ten years until March,
1921, explained the system of tax-
ation prevailing in India.

Upon a day's racing there was
a sheer profit of 100,000 rupees,
equal to between £6,000 and
£7,000. The Government took 4
per cent. from the totalisators, and
the backer who won had to con-
tribute 4 per cent. of his winnings, but
the latter were so small it was
hardly worth the trouble to collect
the tax. The profits of the club
would be about £196,000 on a year's
racing of 28 days.

The totalisator was a wonderful
money-making machine. If it were
established in Britain, he be-
lieved it would have the effect of
inducing people to bet who other-
wise would not do so. That had
been the result in India.

The Committee then adjourned.

WHY BUILDING IS DEAR.

HIGHER WAGES, LOWER

OUTPUT AND HEAVIER

TAXES.

With reference to the offer of a
Belgian firm, mentioned in *The
Daily Mail*, to supply bricks to the
Folkstone Council for about 30s.
a thousand, the lowest British offer
being almost double that price, a
correspondent in the building trade
sends the following tabulated com-
parison of British prices:—

	1914.	1923.
Cost of materials.....	£100	£225
Cost of labour.....	£100	£209

The causes of this increase of
more than 100 per cent., the cor-
respondent says, are:—

Fewer skilled men, with lower
output per man; shorter working
day; fewer apprentices of improv-
ers; painters, at trade union rates,
doing rough painting formerly done
by labourers; increased cost of rates,
taxes, State and other insurance,
carriage and freight charges; and
trades union restrictions, such as a
labourer to each bricklayer.

From many parts of the country
hundreds of skilled men have
emigrated to the United States,
where there is a building boom with
high wages.

known to all, here for miles, at
intervals, are the ruined tombs of
Romans of the past, some eminent,
many rich; Romans of different
periods, representatives of dif-
ferent phases and complexions of
the glory of this city. They are of
many sorts and sizes, these ruined
tombs. There are marble frag-
ments, some with effigies upon
them, which simple modern cottages
have sometimes been built. They seem
now to be poor neglected things;
but what glory has this Appian
Way not been the witness
of since Appian Claudius began
the beginning of our new
era? He who now comes to walk
in thought and meditation along
this Appian Way, for choice on a
day that is a little dull and chilly,
when soft tints lie upon the land-
scape, must find this one of the
most deeply impressive ex-
periences in Rome. Here is a road
of history, of ghosts, of warnings.
There is no walk on earth that can
yield profounder meditation. Yet
so few of those who should come
this way. Some Americans whiz
out to a point for a few minutes and
back again, and on Sunday after-
noon items of young Rome come
here a courting because it is quiet,
almost a secluded walk, and not
like the Pincio, where people pro-
menade to see and meet the kind.
There are distinguished Romans,
hundreds of them, who have never
seen the Appian Way, though it is
within half-an-hour's walk of the
Piazza di Venezia. — Henry Leach,
3rd Chapter's Journal.

INTIMATIONS.

HONGKONG ST. ANDREW'S SOCIETY.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING of Members will be held in the City Hall on FRIDAY, 28th inst., at 5.45 p.m.

By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Hon. Secretary.
Hongkong, 17th September, 1923.

JAPANESE EARTHQUAKE DISASTER.

HONGKONG RELIEF FUND. NOTICE.

SUBSCRIPTIONS LISTS for the above Fund are open at the following places:

Hongkong General Chamber of Commerce,
Hongkong & Shanghai Banking Corporation,
Chartered Bank of India, Australia & China,
Mercantile Bank of India,
International Banking Corporation,
Netherlands Trading Society,
Yokohama Specie Bank,
Hongkong Club.

Cheques should be made out to the Order of the Japanese Earthquake Disaster Hongkong Relief Fund.

By Order,
D. K. BLAIR,
Secretary,
HONGKONG RELIEF COMMITTEE,
Hongkong, 10th September, 1923.

NOTICE.

THE DAIRY FARM, ICE & COLD STORAGE CO., LTD.

NOTICE TO SHAREHOLDERS.

THE TWENTY-SEVENTH ORDINARY ANNUAL MEETING of SHAREHOLDERS in the above Company will be held at the Company's Town Office, 2 Lower Albert Road, Hongkong, on FRIDAY, 5th day of October, 1923, at Noon, for the purpose of presenting the Report of the Directors and Statement of Accounts to 31st July 1923.

THE TRANSFER BOOKS of the Company will be closed from 27th September to 5th October, 1923, both days inclusive.

By Order,
M. MANUK,
Secretary,
Hongkong, 19th September, 1923.

THE HONGKONG & WHAMPOA DOCK COMPANY, LIMITED.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Share Register and Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 1st to 8th October 1923 (both days inclusive).

Warrants for the Interim Dividend can be obtained at the Office of the Company, 2 Queen's Buildings, Hongkong, on and after the 9th prox.

By Order of the Board,
E. COCK,
Acting Chief Manager,
Hongkong, September 17, 1923.

DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP COMPANY, LIMITED.

THE ORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of the above Company will be held at the Company's Offices, 20, Des Voeux Road Central on TUESDAY, the 2nd of October, 1923, at 11 A.M.

The Transfer Books of the Company will be closed from the 22nd of September to 2nd of October both days inclusive.

DOUGLAS LAPRAK & CO.,
General Managers,
Hongkong, 13th September, 1923.

THE HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

THE FOURTH GYMKHANA MEETING will be held (weather permitting) at Happy Valley, on SATURDAY, 6th, and MONDAY, 8th October 1923 commencing 3.15 p.m. each day.

The Charge for admission to the Public Enclosure will be \$1.

Soldiers and Sailors in uniform half price.

Members are advised that they must show their Badges to obtain admission to the Members' Enclosure.

Each member has the right of introducing 2 non-members to the members' enclosure, tickets for whom can be obtained from Messrs. Limited & Davis at \$5. each up to FRIDAY October 5th.

The Stewards invite the Ladies of Hongkong to be present.

Hongkong, September 24, 1923.

HONGKONG JOCKEY CLUB.

MEMBERS are reminded that ENTRIES for the FOURTH GYMKHANA will be held on the 8th and 9th October, 1923, close on SATURDAY next, the 22nd inst. at 11 A.M.

Hongkong, 18th September, 1923.

WANT ADVERTISEMENTS.

25 WORDS 3 INSERTIONS.
\$1. PREPAID.
Every additional word 4 Cents for 3 insertions.

TO LET.

TO LET OR FOR SALE.—3 storied houses in Grayville Road, Kowloon. For particulars apply to P. O. Box 243.

FRENCH LESSONS.—Experienced lady teacher is willing to take a few more pupils. Reply Box No. 1445, c/o "China Mail."

FOR.

FRENCH TUITION

Write to
G. MOUSSON
c/o "China Mail" office.

PUBLIC AUCTIONS.

G. H. PUBLIC AUCTION.

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 1st day of October, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of two Lots of CROWN LAND near Kowloon City, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, commencing from the 1st July 1899, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 21 years, less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOTS.									
No. of Sale.	Boundary Measurements.	Locality.	N.	S.	E.	W.	Area in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
1.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...
2.	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...	...

PARTICULARS and Conditions of the Sale, by Public Auction to be held on MONDAY, the 1st day of October, 1923, at 3 p.m., at the Office of the Public Works Department, by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of two Lots of CROWN LAND at Victoria Road in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term of 75 years, with the option of renewal at a Crown Rent to be fixed by the Surveyor of His Majesty the King, for one further term of 21 years, less three days.

PARTICULARS OF THE LOT.									
No. of Sale.	Boundary Measurements.	Locality.	N.	S.	E.	W.	Area in Sq. Ft.	Annual Rent.	Upset Price.
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RATTAN GOODS.

THE two undermentioned guilds beg to announce that the prices hitherto charged have remained the same for years. Owing to the increased cost of living all manufacturers, stores and workmen are reluctantly compelled to raise their prices. At a meeting of employers and employees it was unanimously agreed that prices of goods be increased by ten per cent. and that workmen's wages be raised by seventeen per cent. This was ratified by the delegates appointed to the meeting.

THE Wing Hing Tong (Rattan Masters' Guild).
THE Oi Kwun General Guild (Manufacturers' Masters' & Workmen's Guild).
Hongkong, August 28, 1923.

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MAIL WEEK NEWS.

ITEMS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

Motor-omnibuses have been introduced in Baghdad. They carry passengers to Karrah, a distance of more than 6 miles, for 4d.

The Rev. W. S. Fallon, 70, rector of Withington, Glos., has died in a Cheltenham nursing home, where he fell from a top-floor window.

While thousands of men and women are on the Labour Exchange at Bernersley, the Bernersley and Rotherhithe Hospital are prepared to pay £50, rising to £55, to a scullerymaid, who will also receive rations, lodging, washing, and uniform.

Four persons were pinned beneath a motor-car which overturned at Palmer's Green, N., after running over a dog, and one of them, Mr. W. W. Wand, of Hackney, E., was detained in the North Middlesex Hospital with severe injuries to the head.

A second death in a week from sleep sickness has occurred at Nelson, Lancashire, the last victim being Mrs. Robinson, of Albion street.

Reports from the Canadian Department of Agriculture are that the result of shipments of cattle to Britain in June has been to show that it is more profitable to ship fat cattle for immediate slaughter on arrival than to kill the animals in Canada and ship them as chilled beef.

Mlle. Chaigneau, a music-hall dancer known as Cio d'Orly, was sentenced in Paris to 10 months' imprisonment (with benefit of the First Offenders' Act) on a charge of stealing a £10,000 diamond necklace in July from Mrs. Percy Fielding, a British resident of Nice.

When the Governor of the Province of Antwerp, Baron Van de Werve et de Schilde, failed to appear to receive the officers of a visiting French warship at Antwerp, his house was called on the telephone and the baron was found unconscious in his dressing room. Shortly afterwards he died from apoplexy.

Afghan raiders have damaged the telegraph lines in the north-west of Persia, and a detachment of Persian camel corps has been sent in pursuit.

Lord Lincolnshire has presented to the town of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, 3½ acres of land in Daws Hill Park to be used as a public promenade.

A wooden box, stated on the consignment note to contain cremated human remains, was in the cargo of an air liner flying from London to Cologne.

News has reached Sydney that the British 2,500-ton steamer "Changsha," of the China Navigation Company, with 29 passengers and a crew of 72, is on a reel about 150 miles from Sandakan, North Borneo, but is not in danger of foundering.

Miss B. Ingham, who is alleged to have been shot dead in a bungalow at Poona, India, by her sweetheart, Sergeant John Pearson, of the Auxiliary Force, Madras, is a native of Port Talbot, Glamorgan, where she is known as a tennis player.

Bread in France has been reduced in price ¼d. to 5½d. a lb.

Gross receipts for Shrewsbury's floral fête exceeded £14,000, as compared with £13,684 last year.

The Rev. Hugh Forbes Smith-Matthi, for 55 years rector of Horsmonden, near Tonbridge, Kent, has died, aged 82.

Kilburn and Maid Vale Station, London Midland and Scottish Railway (Western Section) has been renamed "Kilburn High Road" from September 1.

"Seventy-five per cent. of the people who go into the county courts do not tell the truth," said Mr. L. M. Friend, registrar at Bloomsbury County Court.

Sir Alexandre Lacoste, former Privy Councillor, Administrator for the Province of Quebec, and Speaker of the Canadian Senate, has died in Montreal, aged 81.

Mr. Daniel Clarke, aged 87, a solicitor and for nearly 40 years town clerk of High Wycombe, Buckinghamshire, of which he was mayor for 3 years, has died.

Have, Sussex, police are trying to identify a man of about 75, found wandering on the beach, whose only recollection is that he has daughters who are nurses in a London hospital.

Mr. Herbert Jeans, who for many years has been the chief of *Reuter's* Parliamentary staff, has been appointed chief editor of that newsagency in succession to the late Mr. F. W. Dickinson.

One bag of mails from the Isle of Man steamer "Douglas," sunk in the Mersey has been washed up and restored to the postal authorities. Salvage operations have been started.

Messages from Adalia, the Turkish Asia Minor seaport, state that the Italian community is alarmed owing to the arrogant and menacing attitude of the Turks, which has been officially reported to Rome.

The British Immigration Delegation has completed its tour of the group of settlements in Western Australia and the members expressed themselves as greatly impressed with the possibilities of the territory.

Mr. Howard Ferguson, the Premier, and all his colleagues in the Ontario Government, have been returned unopposed; the provincial general elections on June 23 gave Mr. Ferguson a complete victory over Mr. Drury's Farmer-Labour Government.

The body of Howard Williams, 18, a motor mechanic, of Malvern Link, Worcestershire, with the hands and feet tied with a rope, was found in the Birmingham canal at Lichfield. He had told a companion that he was "fed up" after being rejected by the Royal Air Force.

"AMONG THE GIRLS."

PRINCE'S INCOG TRIP TO FRANCE.

The Prince of Wales, travelling incognito as the Earl of Chester, one of his subsidiary titles, and wearing a light summer suit, joined in the biggest holiday crush of the year.

Jostling cheerily among the swarms at Victoria Station, London, he left there by the 11.45 a.m. Continental train via Folkestone for Boulogne.

The train also contained excursion parties of the Salvation Army, the Red Triangle Club, and the British League of Help, the latter party including a large number of schoolgirls aged from 12 to 16, who were greatly interested in watching the Prince's progress through the crowd on the Continental outgoing platform.

One saucy Doncaster girl asked plaintively why they could not "put him among the girls." A good many people recognised the Prince and raised their hats.

The Prince, who was attended by Captain the Hon. Piers Legh and Major Metcalfe, left Boulogne in the afternoon for Le Touquet.

"I believe the Prince of Wales to be one of the most remarkable young men of our time," said the Duke of Portland in opening the miners' welfare centre of the Bolsover Company at Edwinstowe. "May he have health and strength to continue the splendid work which he has undertaken, and which he carries on in so satisfactory a manner!"

About 7,000 people attended the last performance of Arundel (Sussex) pageant and some 2,000 cars were drawn up in the streets. About £1,200 was taken at the gate during the three days of the pageant.

LADY IN AUSTRALIA

Tell How She Drove Out The Poisons of Rheumatism.

Rheumatism, in the blood, therefore it is useless trying to cure it by rubbing ointments or liniments on the skin. Mrs. W. Douglas, of Brunswick Road, Thany, Western Australia, proved this for herself a while ago, and at the same time found—as thousands of other rheumatic sufferers have done—that Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for the blood was the treatment that cured her.

"I was feeling a chill rheumatism set in my left side in the arm and leg," said Mrs. Douglas, "and in a short time I felt twinges in my whole system. I had the attack altogether for ten weeks, and for six weeks was in bed with it suffering cruel pain. The skin was red and shiny and the joints were swollen. I could not hold anything in my left hand."

"I had notions and liniments hoping that they would cure me, but they did not. I also had massages and hot fomentations, but this treatment did little good. Some years before when I was badly run down I had obtained much benefit from a course of Dr. Williams' Pink Pills, so at last decided to try them again. I was in bed at the time and began with one pill three times a day. Then gradually the burning pains and stiffness in the joints and muscles were away. I was able to get up and every symptom disappeared. I now have the greatest faith in this medicine and have spoken of it far and wide."

Sold throughout the world by chemists and medicine vendors. Dr. Williams' Pink Pills for Pale People are also obtainable post free, 6/6 per bottle, 3/6 for 3 bottles, from The Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 61 King's Road, Shanghai.

MARKET PRODUCE IN HONGKONG.

APPROXIMATE RETAIL PRICES.

Butcher Meat.

	September 20, 1923.	June 1918.	June 1914.
Beef—St. John's—Meat	30	24	12
Prime Cut	30	24	12
Ormed—Ham Ngan-Yak	36	23	20
Roast—Shih	37	24	23
Brast—Ngan Nam	21	20	18
Soup—Tong Yak	56	27	15
Stew—Ngan Yak Pa	30	24	22
Stew—Shih	38	30	25
Sausage—Ngan Cheung	20	26	20
Salmon's Brains—Ngan No per set	42	10	18
Tongue, fresh—Ngan Li each lb	50	50	50
Tongue, corned—Ham Ngan Li each	80	—	—
Head—Ngan Tan	1.00	1.00	1.20
Heart—Ngan Sam	18	13	14
Ham, Salt—Nan Kin	28	20	18
Feet—Ngan Keek	12	10	12
Kidney—Ngan Yio	12	10	12
Stew—Ngan Mei	22	20	23
Liver—Ngan Kon	16	13	14
Tripe (dressed)—Ngan To lb	6	7	—
Diver's Head and Feet—Ngan-tak	1.00	1.00	1.00
Mutton Chop—Young Fat	15	38	26
Shoulder—Young Fat	38	24	24
Saddle—Young Fat	31	16	—
Pig's Chills—Chiu Cheung	35	22	22
Bratins—Chiu No per set	18	15	15
Feet—Chiu Keek	17	15	16
Fry—Chiu Chap	37	20	20
Head—Chiu Tao	24	10	10
Heart—Chiu Sam	18	10	8
Kidney—Chiu Yio	12	10	8
Liver—Chiu Kon	16	30	24
Pork Chop—Chiu Fat Kwat	38	25	23
Leg—Chiu Pel	32	28	27
Lo—Chiu Han Ton	18	21	—
Fat or Lard—Chiu Yio	23	21	—
Sheep's Head and Feet—Young	15	60	70
Tau Keek	15	9	7
Heart—Young Sam	18	12	10
Kidney—Young Yio	12	26	26
Liver—Young Kon	16	26	26
Sucking Pigs to order—Chiu Tai	55	26	26
Suet, Beef—Shang Ngan Yio	20	20	20
Mutton—Shang Ngan Yio	40	26	24
Veal—Ngan Tai Yio	24	20	19
Sausages—Ngan Tai Cheung	28	20	20

Fish.

Barbel—Ka Yu	42	19	24
Bream—Pin Yu	42	20	18
Cutten Fresh Water Fish	—	—	—
Caro—Li Yu	38	16	16
Catfish—Chik Yu	46	12	9
Codfish—Mon Yu	40	20	25
Crabs—Hal	40	23	28
Cuttle Fish—Mak Yu	30	10	3
Dab—Sha Wang Yu	70	23	15
Dace—Wong Mei Lap	20	10	9
Dog Fish—Tui To Sha	12	10	8
Eel, Conger—Hoi Man	62	16	16
Free water—Tun Shui Yu	38	20	18
Yellow—Wong Shu	38	28	30
Frog—Tui Kai	78	32	25
Garoupa—Shek Pan	60	40	30
Gudgeon—Pak Kap Yu	24	18	15
Herring—Tao Pak	28	23	18
Halibut—Cheung Kwan Kai	38	18	23
Labrus—Wong Fa Yu	40	22	16
Loach—Wu Yu	78	22	24
Loach—Lung Ha	62	32	31
Mackerel—Chiu Yu	40	20	20
Monk Fish—Mong Yu	40	22	28
Mullet—Tui Yu	38	16	9
Oyster—Shang Ho	45	16	22
Parrot Fish—Kai Kung Yu	38	14	9
Perch—Tao Lo	28	20	15
Pike—Fa Pau Feng	12	16	9
Plaice—Fan Yu	54	38	14
Pomfret, Black—Hak Cheung	30	26	29
Pomfret, White, Pak Cheung	45	36	30
Prawn—Ming Fa	70	30	45
Ray—Pai Pa Sha	16	10	14
Rock Fish—Shek Kau Kung	38	12	16
Roach—Chun Yu	42	22	16
Salmon—Ma Yau	72	36	37
Shark—Sha Yu	12	8	10
Skate—Po Yu	80	10	10
Skipper—Ha	60	26	35
Snapper—Lap Yu	70	32	30
Sole—Tui Shu Yu	40	28	28
Tench—Wan Yu	42	22	15
Turbot—Tui Shu Yu	48	28	22
Turbot, small, fresh water	40	—	—

Vegetables, &c.

Artichokes—Ah Chai Cheuk	...	6	...
Beans, Sprout—Nga Tao	...	6	...
Long—Tui Kok	...	10	...
Beet Root—Hung Tui Tau	...	2	...
Bitter Squash—Fu Kw	...	8	...
Brinjals, Green—Ching Yau Kw	...	6	...
Red—Hui Kw	...	6	...
Cabbage Chinese, (common)—	...	8	...
Shanghai—Yu Tui	...	12	...
(Shanghai)—Yu Tui	...	20	...
Cauliflower (Large)—Yu Tui Fa each	...	...	...
(Medium)—	...	...	...
(Small)—	...	...	...
Carrots—Lam Shu	...	12	...
Celery Chinese—Tong Kau Tui	...	12	...
Chillies, Dried—Kon Lat Chiu	...	30	...
Red—Hong Fa Chiu	...	15	...
Green—Ching Lat Chiu	...	10	...
Curry Stuffs, English—Ka Li Chiu	...	10	...
Cucumbers—Ching Kw	...	2	...
Garlic—Sun Tau	...	10	...
Ginger young—Sun Tui Kwang	...	10	...
Ginger, old—Lo Kwang	...	12	...
Horse Radish, Shanghai—Lui Kan	...	52	...
Indian Corn—Shuk Mai	...	...	...
Lettuces—Young Shing Tui	...	10	...
Water Chestnuts—Ma Tai	...	10	...
Mandarin—Kwai	...	...	...
Lam Mei	...	...	...
Mushrooms, Fresh—Shing Tui	...	10	...
Onions	...	6	...
Onions, Bombay—Young Chung Tai	...	10	...
Onions, Green—Shang Ching Tai	...	10	...
Onions, Shanghai—Sheng-ho	...	...	...
Chung Tau	...	8	...
Parsley—Kun Tui	...	...	...
Potato, Sweet—Fau Shu	...	...	...
Japanese—Yat Pui Shu Tai	...	...	...
American—Fa Ki Shu Tai	...	...	...
Pumpkin—Tung Kw	...	10	...
Radish—Hing Lo Pak Tai	...	6	...
Rhubarb (Fresh)—Tui Wong	...	5	...
Shallots—Kong Ching Tau	...	...	...
Spinach—Yin Tui	...	...	...
Tomatoes—Fau Ka	...	...	...
Taro—Wa Tau	...	...	...
Turnips, Purple (Long)—Lo Pak	...	...	...
Vegetable Marrow—Tui Kw	...	...	...
Water Corn—Sai Young Tau	...	...	...
Lily root—Lio Ngai	...	...	...
Tau	...	...	...

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BIRTH.

McMURRAY.—At Redhill, 121, The Peak, on 26th September, to Mr. and Mrs. D. McMurray, a daughter.

The China Mail.

HONGKONG, THURSDAY, SEPT. 27, 1923.

SECRET DIPLOMACY.

One of the many causes to which the great war was attributed, was the secret method in which the art of diplomacy between nations, is carried on. Diplomats were a race apart. They lived in a world alone. What they did and what they said was as a rule known only to themselves and those in their more immediate circle. An "understanding" with another nation; a treaty arranged, or an agreement reached, including an alliance, was announced to the startled countries concerned, and the world in general, after it had been made. The approach to a question of importance, the fact of the negotiations and the ultimate outcome of the same, were matters of close secrecy. On questions of urgency affecting the happiness of countless millions, the same attitude has been invariably adopted. Often, when matters have reached a deadlock, has a country awakened to find itself, thanks to the efforts of opposing Governments as represented by their Ambassadors, on the brink of war, with the wires flashing their message of urgent preparation to war and naval departments. The war has probably altered methods of diplomacy somewhat in that more publicity seems to be given to the diplomacy business, and the

Theatre and Dancing.

It would be a dull Theatre that had no orchestra or semblance of music, to while away the moments of waiting, or whose interior was devoid of some form of brightness. Our own Theatre Royal with its new coat of green paint has taken on an altogether different look while the jazz band which the Forbes Russell Comedy Co., has employed to crash out its music has suggested an idea to us which may or may not be original. We seem to be very fortunate by the way in our Theatre despite the hard things said of it, for we read that in France the interior of theatres is bare and almost forbidding in appearance, whilst as to an orchestra or a piano—well there is no such thing. No money is spent upon, and no space taken up, by an orchestra. Three sepulchral knocks announces the rising of the curtain. Thus do even the French, light-hearted continentalists keep their pleasures sadly. The other evening several of the audience took advantage of the infectiousness of the "toonies" which the orchestra jizzed out, to have a dance or two, thus adding to their own not inconsiderable enjoyment. The idea might very well be adopted, and theatre-goers invited, during the intervals, to trip the light fantastic. If the play is not good, there is no reason why the dancing shouldn't be, and a considerable constituency might be attracted to see a play by reason of the possibility of dancing, who otherwise would not attend. If people dance, with their dinners, there is no earthly reason why they should not do so with their plays.

Suicide.

Japan recently had its attention drawn to the matter of self-destruction by the action of a man and woman, well up in literary and social circles, who decided upon, and carried out, the act of self-destruction. So far as our observation went, it appeared that there was an equal division of opinion as to the act—one half being decidedly against, the other half, viewing the causes which led to the deed, being very much in favour and looking upon the suicides as persons worthy of all honour. The question of suicide when the person or persons are to all outward appearances in possession of their sane senses, seems a terrible thing in a world which after all has much to offer. The question is now brought very much to the fore by the views of a prominent clergyman of the Church of England who states his opinion that in certain circumstances suicide is not immoral but the best way out. He admits that suicide is anti-social and wrong morally. Wrong because a man's life being a gift from God, it belongs to God. But it can be an honourable thing and he cites two instances in his own experience to prove his contention. Here are his own words:—

"The first relates to one of the most honourable men that I ever knew. Happily married, with two delightful children, he fell in a moment of fierce temptation, committing an unintentional wrong. Threatened with exposure, and filled with remorse as he realised the enormity of his crime and the intolerable shame and lasting disgrace that would accrue to those whom he loved, he took his life and averted the calamity that he feared. 'He was wrong,' do you say? Maybe, but to have done differently would surely have been to have chosen a greater wrong. Whilst he forfeited his own honour, he saved the honour of his name and his children. No cowardly act was his. Rather it was the action of a very brave man."

"The second example is like unto the first, and relates to an officer whom I met at the front. He came of the most unfortunate ancestry. Through many generations the strain of insanity had shown itself, and in his own case, as you may imagine, the war did not improve matters. Despite the fact that he was engaged to a charming girl, and his future appeared full of happiness, he grew more and more strange. He always seemed afraid, neither was his fear physical. He knew. Next day we found him dead."

Say, if you will, that his suicide was wrong. Be it so. I claim that it was an honourable wrong, and God Almighty is not going to be hard on those who prize honour above life. Life without honour! It has no value. Hence I conclude that, whilst suicide is wrong, occasion may arise when avoidance of it may constitute an even greater wrong. His further words are worthy of note and we imagine will find general acceptance.

But let there be no misunderstanding. Forfeiture of honour is the sole justification of so rash a step. To desert life in the face of misfortune or sorrow or hardship of any kind is both cowardly and wrong. The real hero, the real heroine, is the person who, when things look blackest and most hopeless, determines to stick it and win through. Thank God there are thousands of such.

Today's Poem.

(Good Intentions.)
Intentions harbor inspiration.
For boilers and their work—
Unmixed with prosy perspiration,
They help the drone to shirk.

JOHN KYOTO.

1923.

SHADOWS BEFORE.

Coming Events Advertised In The Mail.

ENTERTAINMENTS.

September 27.—Crown Theatre: Douglas Fairbanks in "Robin Hood."
September 27.—Star Theatre: Frank Mayo in "The First Degree."
September 27.—World Theatre: Florence Vidor in "Alice Adams."
September 27.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "The Naughty Wife," 9.15 p.m.
September 28.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Windows," 9.15 p.m.
September 29.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "Peg O' My Heart," 9.15 p.m.
October 1.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "The Dippers," 9.15 p.m.
October 2.—Theatre Royal: Bandman Comedy Co. presents "The Laughing Lady," 9.15 p.m.

SPORT.

September 29.—Hongkong Polo Club: Keswick Cup—Shanghai v. Hongkong—at Causeway Bay, 4.45 p.m.
October 6-8.—Hongkong Jockey Club's fourth Gymkhana.

AUCTIONS.

September 28.—Lanmert Bros., at China Navigation Steamship Co.'s Godown, West Point, 11 a.m.
October 1.—Lanmert Bros., at "The Falls," No. 82, The Peak, 11 a.m.
October 2-3.—Lanmert Bros., at "Kingsclere," Kennedy Road, 11 a.m.
October 4.—Lanmert Bros., at the premises of the Hongkong Steel Foundry Co., Ltd., (Shankwan Road) the complete foundry plant, 10.30 a.m.

LAND SALE.

October 1.—P.W.D. Offices, sales of Crown land, 9 p.m.

MEETINGS.

September 28.—Annual general meeting of Hongkong St. Andrew's Society, 5.45 p.m.
October 2.—Ordinary general meeting of Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Offices, 20, Des Voeux Road, 11 a.m.
October 5.—Twenty-seventh ordinary annual meeting of the Dairy Farm, Ice & Cold Storage Co., Ltd., at Co.'s Town Office, 2, Lower Albert Road, noon.

YOUTH'S SHINING HOURS.

Oh, what are the mountains
The rivers and lakes,
And what are the cloudlets
That pass on in flakes,
And then all the trees or
The plants and the flowers;
But just what we make them
In Youth's shining hours!

Our passion for pleasure,
Too human perchance,
As passing through sunbeams
And shadows we dance;
Is worth all the gladness
That goes with success—
This joy and this madness
Our souls now possess!

Old Time will forgive us
The joy of this hour,
While taking our Youth—and
Its grace as a dower;
For deep in the twilight
Of Life's evening rest,
We'll always remember
The time—we loved—best.

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LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The Bogey Pool Competition played at Fanling on 22nd, 23rd and 24th Sept. 1923 was won by H. Scott; 1 down.

After a sojourn in dock to repair the damage done by the last typhoon, the river steamer "Kwong Sai" is back on the Hongkong-Canton night run.

Invitations are out for the fourth annual swimming gala to be held at Aberdeen Docks on Sunday October 7, of the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club.

A second-class passenger on the Yau-mat ferry "Fao Luen" jumped overboard when the vessel was in motion yesterday afternoon, and was drowned in spite of efforts to pick him up.

CHINA CONFERENCE.

SIR ROBERT'S SHANGHAI ACTIVITIES.

At a Committee Meeting of the Chinese Chamber of Commerce held on Thursday evening, the 20th inst., it was unanimously resolved to support wholeheartedly Sir Robert Ho Tung's proposal for a peace conference and to telegraph to the Chambers of the different provinces inviting them to support the scheme and to use their influence with their respective authorities with a view to their attending the Conference.

Sir Robert Ho Tung was entertained by General Ho Feng-lin, Military Governor of Sunkiang and Shanghai, to duffin at His Yamen on Saturday the 22nd inst. Among those present were the Honourable Hsu Yuan, Commissioner of Foreign Affairs, Shen Chun-hsu, President of the Chinese Bankers' Association, Shen Shun-hsing, well-known Educationist, Chu Pa-fong, Vice-Chairman of Chinese Chamber of Commerce, Sze Liang-chai, Director of the Shan Pao, Chin Yun-hsing, President of Native Bankers' Association, Lo King-kee, Chairman of Committee of Chinese Chamber of Commerce, and C. C. Hsu, Chief of the Accounting Department, Office of the Military Governor for Sunkiang and Shanghai. The subject of the Round-table Conference was discussed and both General Ho and Commissioner Hsu cordially supported the proposal.

FURTHER APPROVAL.

[Translation of a letter from Marsh Tuen Chi-jui.]
Sir Robert Ho Tung,
Dear Sir:—Some time ago, I received your telegram asking for my views regarding your proposed peace conference.

I greatly admire your public spirit and patriotism. As a great believer in Buddhism, I am in deep sympathy with the sufferings of my fellow countrymen. I therefore sincerely hope that the various leaders will fully realize the situation so that the people may be rescued from their present distress and brought to the haven of security. This has been my long desire.

For many years now, there has been constant warfare in China, so much so that the people are on the verge of despair.

Since the break-up of the last Shanghai Conference, I have given up all hope of a peaceful settlement. Now you have so splendidly and disinterestedly put forward your scheme, and despite the fact that I have accustomed myself to a quiet life, it will afford me great pleasure to co-operate in the successful consummation of your efforts.

There will, however, be many difficulties; but as you are so able and cautious in carrying out your plans, I feel sure that you will be able to overcome them all and bring about the realization of the Great Wish.

With kind regards,
Yours sincerely,
(Sd) TUAN CHI-JUI.

AQUATICS.

ANNUAL EVENT OPENS AT V.R.C.

The annual aquatic sports, under the auspices of the Victoria Recreation Club, commenced last evening when two events were decided—the 880 yards championship of the Colony and an open race for Chinese over the same distance.

Unfortunately, D. Lyon was unable to participate in the first event, which soon after the start became a duel between May and Jack. The former always had a slight advantage and won comfortably at the finish in 13 min. 17 1/2 sec. The record for the Colony is 12 min. 32 sec made by J. Johnstone in 1920.

In the race for Chinese, Leung Sui-man and Yeung Ping Kwai, after half the distance had been covered, forged ahead, a close tussle resulting in a win for the former by a narrow margin. The results were: Half mile championship of the Colony, "Open": 1, A. F. May, time 13.17 2/5 sec.; 2, G. R. Jack, 13.30 sec.; 3, Gunner McDade.

Half mile championship of the Colony (confined to Chinese): 1, Leung Sui-man, time 15.32 2/5 sec.; 2, Yeung Ping-kwai, 15.37 sec.; 3, Leung Tit-sang.

The following is the programme for to-day, the first race beginning at 4 p.m.

Four lengths breast stroke (confined to Chinese).

Two lengths hurdles handicap (Members).

Boys' high dive "Open."

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LOCAL TURF TOPICS.

HOW TO PREVENT BAD STARTS.

INTERESTING VIEWS OF TWO STEWARDS.

Below will be found the views of two prominent local racing men on burning questions of the moment to followers of the Turf. Mr. Humphreys' admission, that a totalisator board is necessary, will be welcome news to many as the local press have been agitating for one in season and out. The views on the cause of, and remedy for, "bad starts" of both Mr. Humphreys and Colonel Hall Brutton will also be read with interest and approval by the majority of local sportsmen.

Desirous of obtaining views on certain aspects of pony-racing here from one of the Turf's staunchest supporters, a *China Mail* representative sought an interview with Mr. Henry Humphreys.

The main objective being to ascertain whether something effective could not be done to remove grounds for complaint regarding "bad starts," the opinion of Mr. Humphreys was asked as to the advisability of introducing the starting-gate.

"The starting-gate has never been given a trial 'here,' said Mr. Humphreys, "so that it is impossible to form any opinion as to whether it would prove a success. I cannot, however, imagine why jockeys should find it more difficult than a flag start. As regards how the ponies would relish it, one can form no opinion until a trial is given. Though, on the whole, the China pony is not so tractable as other breeds, I see no reason why he should prove unmanageable at a gate. Of course, the thoroughbred has been bred to racing for centuries and takes to the game more kindly than does the average China pony. I am certainly in favour of the starting-gate being given a fair trial, provided arrangements could be made whereby it would not adversely affect our entries."

Starts Generally.

On the general aspect of starting, with a flag, Mr. Humphreys holds interesting views. "Starting is bound to be unsatisfactory," he said, "if the starter allows ponies to come up at the run. I am certain that if the starter shows firmness, he can make the jockeys bring their ponies up at a walk. It has often been successfully achieved on this course. Jockeys soon get to know a starter; if they find they can take liberties with him, they will do so. The starter has sufficient power to control jockeys on this course, but possibly does not use it as much as he should." In reply to the suggestion that an official stipendiary starter would not suffer under the qualms of friendship as an amateur often does, Mr. Humphreys said: "The amount of racing in Hongkong would not justify the Stewards going to the expense of employing a professional starter. Other objections are that it is just as difficult to find a professional entirely without bias as an amateur."

The subject next discussed was the delicate one of foul riding, leading to protests. In this connection Mr. Humphreys considers the Stewards might take a leaf out of England's book. "The Stewards in England," he said, "have a jockey up on their own initiative. Here they never take any action unless a protest is lodged. Scrutineer Stewards would be useful if posted at the turn out of the back straight and at the bend into the home straight. At the latter place, most of the jostling occurs and in the event of a protest, the evidence of these Stewards would be of the utmost value."

A Postponed "Funeral."

The next question put was whether steps could not be taken to install a totalisator machine so that punters could see how the betting was progressing. "In the old days," said Mr. Humphreys, "there was a totalisator, but what happened to it I cannot tell you. I certainly think there should be one." Asked how a totalisator could disappear and leave no trace, Mr. Humphreys related the following story of Governor Blake's surrender to the young bloods of his day.

"Soon after Sir Henry Blake arrived in the Colony as Governor, in 1902, an order was given that no gambling would be allowed on the race-course. In consequence, the Club was forced to remove the totalisator and close down on pari-mutuel betting also. The natural result was that the Club was compelled to curtail the prize money. At the annual meeting my horse Bay Ronald (an

Australian galloway) ran second in the Waler Champions, but was awarded no prize as the Club could not afford to offer place money. The result of the race was (1) Ichiban (2) Bay Ronald, (3) Ivy. Time 1 min 53 2/5 secs.

However, the ban on betting only remained in force for that one meeting as public opinion was aroused. To force the Governor to rescind the order, a number of young bloods arranged a mock funeral, the coffin bearing the inscription "In memoriam Hongkong Races." By some means Sir Henry heard of the plot and sent his A.D.C. to make terms with the ringleaders. He promised that betting should be allowed in future if the young bloods would abandon their plans for a "mock funeral."

Despite the official ban at that "toteless" meeting, however, punters were accommodated by a number of local amateur book-makers.

"Undoubtedly this was another factor towards convincing Government that you cannot legislate to eliminate what some are pleased to term 'the betting evil'."

A Starter's Views.

In the belief that the views of the Hongkong Jockey Club starter with regard to bad starts would also interest *China Mail* readers, an interview was sought with Lieut. Colonel G. K. Hall Brutton.

"At the annual meeting, we have no trouble at the start," said Colonel Hall Brutton.

"At gymkhana meetings, however, each rider appears only to consider himself. It should be made clear to the jockeys riding at gymkhana meetings that they are to blame for the bad starts."

A New Move.

"It is proposed to warn all riders at the next gymkhana that, if they do not comply with orders and come up at a walk, they will be reported to the Stewards."

"If it is necessary for any ponies in a race to be held by a *mafo* at the starting post, they should be held behind the field."

"If only the riders would more or less watch each other and come up together there would be little difficulty. Often when you have got the ponies in line and drop the flag, some rider pulls in behind and the starter not the jockey gets the blame."

Asked whether it would not be possible to insist on ponies coming up at a walk in view of certain riders having been heard to say: "I never know when he is going to let us go and can't run the risk of being left." Colonel Brutton replied: "At the next meeting it is proposed to make the riders bring their mounts up at a walk. At any rate it will give an excuse for any rider to say that he is afraid a flying start will be allowed."

The "Gate."

Asked for his views with regard to the introduction of the starting-gate, Colonel Brutton said:

"The chief objection to the 'gate' is that China ponies, as a rule, are so hard-mouthed there is always the danger of the tapes being broken. I am, however, certain that most China ponies could be taught to start from a gate if only the owners would take the trouble to school them. At the same time, there will always be some ponies that will not face the gate, just as some need holding at a flag start."

"For the present, I consider the flag suffices for the China pony and local racing if only the jockeys pay attention to each other's movements and the starter's orders."

"A 'gate' has many advantages, but until adopted at Shanghai it would be little use introducing it here; since many Shanghai ponies run at our Spring Meeting."

Object of Gymkhana.

In conclusion, Colonel Hall Brutton stated: "When all is said and done, a gymkhana is a school for *pukka* racing. If only new riders would realise that a good start entirely depends on themselves, there would be no bad starts. They also must recollect that control of their ponies is essential."

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AMERICAN AMENITIES.

LAWLESS (?) LEGISLATORS.

OKLAHOMA CITY, Sept. 26.—When legislators assembled at the State Capitol they found the doors closed and guarded. Members gathered in the corridor where the speaker endeavored to address them. The colonel commanding the troops then loudly called on them to remain motionless while he read the order prohibiting the holding of the session, and ordered dispersal. The legislators thereupon repaired to a hotel and drew up a declaration of intention to take legal action to support their rights.—*Reuter*.

STRIKE ENDED.

NEW YORK, September 26.—The Publishers' Association announced that the morning papers will be published separately tomorrow after nine days combined form, and declares this means that the pressmen's strike is ended. The association promises that newspapers will shortly resume their normal size and appearance.—*Reuter*.

MONROE DOCTRINE.

ISOLATION DAMAGING.

ATLANTIC CITY, Sept. 26.—The American Bankers' Association Committee has formulated a resolution condemning the isolation of America in European affairs as damaging their interests.—*Reuter*.

ANOTHER ONE.

ROME, September 26.—A slight earthquake shock occurred at Zira d'Almatia. There was no damage.—*Reuter*.

STORMS IN JAPAN.

OSAKA, September 26.—This morning's papers describe the pitiable conditions of the refugees in the low-lying districts of Tokyo as the result of Monday night's storm, when the temporary barracks were inundated.

The districts were covered into a muddy lake one or two feet deep.

The refugees, who fled to higher ground, suffered intensely from cold.

Similar conditions prevailed in parts of Yokohama also.

The railways, which are now being repaired, were considerably damaged.

Tunnels are reported to have collapsed.

The storm visited Nikko, where a number of famous cryptomerias were blown down.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin*.

PEKING ITEMS.

PEKING, September 26.—It is understood that at the last moment the promised loans from Chinese banks to Chang Hu failed before the festival, and the Government were only able to pay the guaranteed 70 per cent, the balance 80 per cent, and the staffs of the Ministries 30 per cent, of one month's salary.

It is reported that owing to the failure to fulfill these promises, Chang Hu is desirous of resigning.

According to some reports, Chang Hu has already gone to the Western Hills.

The Peking Chamber of Commerce, after a meeting with the Government delegates, decided to organize a Commercial Bank with a capital of \$1,000,000 for the redemption of copper notes.

Probably, the old notes will be redeemed at a discount and then destroyed.

At present no-one is willing to accept copper notes, even at 40 per cent, of their usual value.

It is reported that the First Szechuan Army was approaching Hu-fukuan, near Chungking, on the 23rd inst.

The Second Army is splitting up into small bodies and retiring down the river.—*Courtesy Daily Bulletin*.

CINEMA DISPUTE.

PICTURE THEATRE EPISODE.

Trouble in the Tai Yat Theatre, Yaumatei, owned by the Hongkong Amusement, Ltd., led to a Court case sequel this morning when two Chinese were charged before Mr. J. R. Wood with assaulting two of the theatre employees.

Mr. R.E.A. Webster, for the prosecution, alleged that defendants, who had bought three-class tickets, refused to get out of the first-class accommodation when requested to, this leading to the assault. Mr. Webster added that he had been instructed to press the charge as this kind of trouble was becoming frequent again although they had put a stop to it some time back.

The case was remanded, defendants being allowed bail in the sum of \$50 each.

LEGISLATIVE COUNCIL.

THIS AFTERNOON'S MEETING.

Under the presidency of His Excellency the Governor, the Legislative Council met this afternoon at 2.30. Two new bills were introduced and the second readings of five other bills brought forward at earlier meetings also figured on the notice paper.

There were present:—His Excellency the Governor, Sir R. B. Sybilis, K.C.M.G.

His Excellency Major-General Sir J. S. Fowler, C.B., K.C.M.G., D.S.O.

The Acting Colonial Secretary the Hon. Mr. A. G. M. Fletcher, C.M.G., C.B.E.

The Attorney-General, the Hon. Mr. J. H. Kemp, K.C., C.B.E.

The Secretary for Chinese Affairs, the Hon. Mr. E. R. Hallifax, C.B.E.

The Director of Education, the Hon. Mr. E. A. Irving.

The Director of Public Works, the Hon. Mr. H. T. Creasy.

The Colonial Treasurer, the Hon. Mr. C. McI. Messer, O.N.E.

The Hon. Mr. H. E. Pollock, K.C.

The Hon. Mr. A. R. Lowe.

The Hon. Mr. Chow Shoo-sun.

The Hon. Mr. A. O. Lang.

The Hon. Mr. P. H. Holyoak.

The Hon. Mr. Chai Sin-ki.

Mr. S. B. McElerry, Clerk of Councils.

Before the formal business of the meeting was begun Miss Pitts, M.B.E. and the Rev. Dr. T. W. Pearce, O.B.E., were presented to His Excellency who pinned on them the decorations conferred in the last King's Birthday honours list.

Moved by the Attorney General and seconded by the Colonial Secretary, the first readings of a bill to make better provision for the prevention of fire in premises where raw celluloid or cinematograph film is stored or used, and one to provide for the closing, narrowing and diverting of streets, and for the alteration of the levels of streets were unanimously carried.

The second reading of the bill to prevent certain fraudulent transfers of businesses was deferred but the bills to provide for the preservation of certain portions of the Statute Laws Ordinance, to regulate the Fire Brigade, to amend further the Public Health and Building Ordinance, 1903, and to regulate the importation, exportation, manufacture, sale and use of dangerous drugs were all passed into law.

HON. MR. CHAU SU-KI RESIGNS.

Just before the Council adjourned His Excellency announced that he had accepted the resignation of the Hon. Mr. Chau Su-ki. His Excellency explained that when invited to be a member of the Council, Mr. Chau had at first declined, owing to his advanced years and business claims, but agreed to act temporarily in view of the difficulty occasioned by the absence of the Hon. Mr. Chow Shoo-sun and the sudden death of the Hon. Mr. Ng Hon-tze. After alluding to Mr. Chau's 40 years of public service and thanking him for his assistance as a member of the Council, His Excellency mentioned that he had resigned in favour of Mr. R. H. Kotewall "whose services are well known to this Council."

The Hon. Mr. Chau Su-ki having suitably acknowledged His Excellency's remarks about himself, the Council adjourned to next Thursday.

Y.M.C.A.

ACTIVE ACTIVITIES.

The Chinese Y.M.C.A. announce forthcoming events as under:—

To-night at 8 p.m. Educational Lecture.

Friday at 7.30 p.m.—The English Debating Club.

Saturday at 7.30 p.m.—Social evening.

Sunday at 8 p.m.—Address by Mr. Sze To-wai.

Monday at 7.30 p.m.—Cinema display. Also on Tuesday.

Tuesday at 7.30 p.m.—Chinese Debating Club.

THE CANTON TROUBLE.

STEAMERS HELD UP BY SUN.

OMINOUS SIGNS ALREADY.

The trouble at Canton is a very serious matter for shipping men, according to views expressed by officers of vessels sailing in and out of Canton.

The captain of the "Tin Sing," seen by a *China Mail* representative this morning, stated that there are ominous signs in Canton and serious trouble may break out at any time. Dr. Sun Yat-sen, the "stormy petrel of China" is said to be at the bottom of the whole affair. At any rate, his men are trying to obtain "squeeze" from the cargo brokers and the latter refuse to be bled. "Yesterday, however, no one interfered with our coolies, though there were gangs of loafers on the wharf who appeared in no doctile mood. We discharged a certain amount of flour and sugar and foreign cargo, but could not discharge the bulk of our native cargo."

Asked whether he had received any orders from his owners, the captain said that he had received no definite instructions, but presumed the ship would continue on the run to cater for passengers at any rate for a few trips until the situation developed.

"SUN YAT-SEN BLAMED."

"From what I am told," said an officer on the "Fatsan," "Dr. Sun Yat-sen has issued a demand on each Customs broker for a contribution of \$2,000 towards his war-chest. If these men do not pay up within 48 hours, their shops will be closed. The order is believed to have been issued yesterday morning."

"We had no trouble when we arrived yesterday; we managed to discharge a quantity of flour and sugar and some of our cargo consigned to foreign firms. The brokers' guilds' coolies intimidated some of our men, but no untoward incident happened."

The s.s. "Kwangtung" returned this morning not having been able to discharge any cargo, so it was stated.

According to reports in the vernacular press, local agents for Canton firms have been instructed to withhold shipments on account of the Customs Brokers' strike at Canton.

The general opinion appears to be that the brokers are determined not to accede to Dr. Sun Yat-sen's present demands. If they stick to their guns, matters in Canton may be brought to a head. Indications from all sources are that Dr. Sun is near the end of his tether and the demand now made on the Customs Brokers may prove the last straw.

V. R. C.

BOYS' RACE FOR CUP GIVEN BY S. F.

As already mentioned in our columns, a correspondent "S. F." has kindly presented 1st and 2nd prizes for a 50 yds. race for boys under 12 for the Championship of the Colony. We are asked to state that post entries will be accepted for this event which takes place at the V.R.C. annual aquatic festival at 4.50 p.m. on Saturday. Competitors are requested to be on time.

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Discussing the matter with a *China Mail* reporter, a Harbour Office official turned up the regulations on the subject and pointed out that according to them no motorboats, whether plying for hire or privately owned for pleasure purposes, are allowed beyond the harbour limits—Lyemum and the western end of Stonecutters—without a permit. This rule has been in force for a good many years but has evidently been honoured more in the breach than in the observance for although it is frequently infringed this morning's case was the first prosecution brought under it.

It is, according to the official, simply a matter of safety and provided the weather promises to be smooth enough permits can usually be obtained without difficulty. Certainly in the case of private motorboats anxious to go out beyond the harbour limits there is not likely, the reporter was assured, to be any trouble and probably permission can be obtained by telephone.

The official added that recently someone applied for permission to sail to Macao in a dinghy but this was unnecessary since these regulations applied to no other craft than motorboats.

JAPAN REFUGEES.

300 MORE CHINESE RETURN.

The s.s. "President Wilson" which came into port yesterday, had on board about three hundred Chinese refugees from Japan. They were met and attended to on arrival by representatives of the Tung Wah Hospital, the Chinese Chamber of Commerce and the Confucius Society.

This makes the fifth batch of returned Chinese refugees.

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AMOY AFFAIRS.

GRAVE SITUATION.

(From Our Own Correspondent.)

Monday, September 24.

The military situation in the Amoy district remains unchanged, but it is feared that a deadlock will ensue, perhaps lasting for months.

The attacking forces after many official notifications, stating their intention to attack and requesting that all foreigners should withdraw to a place of safety, have made no move, but have turned their attention to the attack which is being carried on by the Cantonese forces near Swatow.

General Wong has moved south with most of his troops, and the attacking troops are merely holding the mainland.

The Naval forces are still lying outside the ports, but two have left for Swatow, nothing has been done and all fires are out.

The position is grave from every standpoint. General Huang has invested the small island of Amoy and stopped all commerce and communication with the mainland.

He will collect the greater parts of the opium tax, and may impose any new taxes which he considers a possible source of income.

General Chang will be in a far different position, for he only holds the island and cannot expect a large income from opium for little is growing within his jurisdiction, neither can he tax imports and exports, for they have ceased. Business is at a standstill and until a move is made no hope of recovery can be expected.

General Chang will still require his remuneration from the Chinese Chamber of Commerce, business of no business and while there are rich men in Amoy, he knows just how to replenish his treasury.

General Chang seems to be gradually losing control over the city, for the element that thrives in disorder and civil war is becoming a menace to safety. For some time past the city has been tormented by a gang of gamblers who have lost when opportunity occurs.

Chinese reports state that this gang is composed of Fujianese who trade on their privilege of extrajurisdiction as Japanese subjects, and that the Chinese authorities are helpless to prevent crime as these men live in the gambling and opium houses and frequent the brothels which are largely run by Fujianese, and are therefore immune from arrest. The citizens, therefore, have hired a large and powerful clan of Tongan men who have formed the "Secrets" to prevent crime, to commit crime, and to prevent the Fujianese element from obtaining complete control of the underworld which both parties share at present.

These two gangs are now in a state of war and both are willing to settle the controversy by a trial of arms.

On Thursday morning, 20th inst., both factions took to the roads and a regular battle ensued, for a time the firing was heavy, stray bullets were falling on to the British Concession and into the harbour. The fighting took place just behind the Concession and all business ceased, men were to be observed here and there who fired at anything that moved.

Chinese soldiers and police were conspicuous by their inactivity and absence.

The position on the Concession became serious and a strong naval picket from the H.M.S. "Bluebell" landed to safeguard the Concession, while a party of Japanese landed and marched into the city to protect their interests, and subjects.

The firing soon ceased, various reports state why it ceased, but it ended and both factions picked up and made themselves severe.

On Saturday morning, 22nd inst., all cannons, lighter, and junk-men declared a strike as a protest, in sympathy with the clamour, the strike in question is not yet strictly enforced, but it is feared that a general strike will ensue.

The following foreign men-of-war are at present in port:—H.M.S. "Bluebell," U.S.S. "Helena," and three Japanese destroyers.

"SECRETS."

WONDERFUL PERFORMANCE.

It is possible only to speak in terms of admiration of "Secrets" as a play, and in terms of super-admiration of the acting to which a very large audience was treated at the Theatre Royal, last night at the hands of the Forbes Russell Comedy Company. It is not necessary here to analyse what constitutes a good play. Given a reasonable amount of plausibility and possibility, and the effect it is likely to have on the minds of those who witness it, "Secrets" answers any question that may be applied to it. It is built somewhat on the lines of "Romance," in that it has a prologue, and finishes with an epilogue, the intervening acts being in the nature of an unfolded dream in which the principal incidents in the lives of two persons are unfolded with wonderful clarity. That seems prosaic enough, but let the main incident be the supreme and abiding love of a woman for a man through all the facts of his wavering life, and it will be understood that although the theme is an old one, it is ever new and brings fresh light to bear on the uneven events of life as we know it. It is a story in part of the Victorian age, when crinolines and ruffles were the vogue and language and propriety were more exacting than they are to-day, and it brings us to so recent a period as 1922. The Russell Company have very faithfully portrayed the periods of the play, especially in the dresses of the earlier period. We become reconciled to the crinolines as worn by Elizabeth Sinclair who looked wonderfully as the repressed but still brave old maid, as well as by Constance Medway who acted as the strong-willed Mrs. Medway. It was a very creditable performance. Frederick Burwell, as the strong man and lover, Norman Thompson as a Prairie Doctor, and Groves Raines, Guy Buckley, Beresford Lovett, Billy Sinclair, Helen Gosse and Muriel Du Pre in scenes which led from London to America and back again to London, all presented well-conceived conceptions of their different parts and helped in no uncertain manner to make "Secrets" the play it is, and the success it was last night. Naturally our thunder of unstinted praise is not because it is the thing to praise the leading lady, is reserved for Miss Nigita Lewis. This is another play which stands or falls by the interpretation given to the principal part. Miss Lewis is a consummate artist. There is no getting away from the fact. A most difficult part was presented in a delicate mosaic of quite natural acting. From the winsome and young girl with an abiding love in the man of her choice, throughout the days of trial and poverty reaching to success, she gained the sympathies and the warm approval of her audience who were not slow to show their appreciation. The delicate nuance in her oft-repeated "Yes, John," so full of faith, so full of assurance, was wonderful. The voice took on a new beauty to that which we have been accustomed to. Its light and shade were well brought out in the early youth of the part, its middle age, on to the time of faltering steps and the tremble in the weakening voice. It was as fine a piece of acting as we ever wish to see. The Company might well consider the advisability of staging "Secrets" again before they leave for the North. To-night "The Naughty Wife" is to be given and Miss Lewis will be seen in another and entirely different phase of her great art.

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL.

Count Hideo Kodama has been appointed Governor-General of Kwantung.

A Reuter message from Tokyo states that Count Matsudaira, chief of the Europe-America Bureau at the Foreign Office, has been appointed Vice-Minister for Foreign Affairs. Mr. Hirota succeeds Count Matsudaira.

CORRESPONDENCE.

JAPAN RELIEF.

CONSUL'S THANKS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

MY DEAR EDITOR.—In the absence of English papers in Swatow, and in view of the fact that the Hongkong papers have a large circulation among the foreign community here, I take liberty to request you to be good enough to insert this communication in your valuable paper.

I wish hereby to acknowledge with the warmest thanks the expression of sympathy with the Japanese nation, on the part of both Chinese and European friends in this port, for the recent earthquake disaster in Japan.

The following gentlemen are among those who have expressed their sympathy to me by making a special call or sending a letter.

Monsieur Tsun Yun-yu, Mayor, Monsieur Tsun Gan-fu, Chairman, Chinese Chamber of Commerce.

The British, American, French and Norwegian Consuls.

I am no less indebted to a long list of other friends, both individuals and organizations, who have also conveyed their sympathy to me.

The following are among the donations made in Swatow in favour of the Japanese sufferers:—

10,000 dollars, collected by the Chinese Chamber of Commerce in conjunction with several Yang Zongs.

1,457 dollars, collected by the British Consul among the European residents.

337 dollars, donated by Mr. H. C. Best, being the proceeds of a charity cinema performance.

1,000 dollars, Tsung Chi Sang Tong.

1,000 dollars, Sung Sim Sang Tong.

330 dollars, collected by Mrs. King among ladies.

Up to the 20th instant, the donations, including those from the Japanese Colony, amounted to 18,027.59 dollars. Besides, I understand the following organizations are using their efforts to collect funds in aid of the sufferers:—

Tao Yi Sa.

Tai Pui Tong Hong Pui.

Song Hok Kiang Yu Sa.

The Chinese Red Cross Society.

Lastly, but far the least, are due my thanks to those Chinese servants employed by Japanese residents, who have spontaneously offered for charity one dollar or two, while they are receiving as salary only a few dollars per month.

Thanking you in advance for your courtesy in giving publicity to this letter.

I am, my dear Editor, Yours faithfully, S. Uchida.

Consul for Japan at Swatow, China.

Swatow, September 20.

"SLUSH AND MUD."

RACE-COURSE CONDITIONS.

(To the Editor of the China Mail.)

SIR.—Although by the much appreciated efforts of your good paper, representations have been made to the Public Works Department regarding the conditions of the nullahs and drainage at the Race Course, so far nothing further has been done and instead of about 100 or more P.W.D. coolies removing the sand from the nullah the number this morning had dropped to exactly 21, which is as good as useless in dealing with such a formidable situation.

I agree with your friend "Sport" that if the matter had been taken up seriously some four weeks ago, as it should have been, the rains we have had recently would have had no ill effects, but with the lapse of time and no attention it looks as though the Valley will turn into a permanent swamp unless drastic steps are taken immediately.

From the Owners and the Jockeys' points of view it seems a pity that some of the good patrons of the Jockey Club holding senior official appointments cannot spare us the time to grant the authority and have the "Course" put in order, as it certainly is disheartening to the enthusiasts who are obliged to plough their way through the mud, morning after morning in order to keep their ponies in condition.

The whole situation is grossly unfair, as all the responsibility of getting the course in order is being left to the untiring efforts of our acting Clerk of the Course, and Jockey Club Funds are being spent in large sums each day in trying to put the course in order for the coming Gymkhana, but until the P.W.D. come along and give some real assistance the situation will not be improved to any reasonable extent.

Thanking you for this insertion, and enclosing my card with compliments.

I am, yours, etc., "Disquarion."

Hongkong, September 27.

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Total	\$901,538.25

PROPERTY SLUMP?

IS THERE A SLUMP?

INTERESTING TRANSACTIONS.

The local Tsun Wan Yat Po, says that as the result of rumours to the effect that a slump had set in the Hongkong property market and that a number of purchasers who had to complete their transactions this month, had failed, enquiries were set on foot with the following result:—

It has been definitely established, says the vernacular paper, that on September 6 a transaction was put through in Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master's office whereby a Mr. Li purchased Lots Nos. 1,364 to 1,368 at Litchikok, comprising over 100,000 square feet at \$5.80 per sq. foot and a mortgage was obtained from a Mr. Mok for \$500,000 at 7 1/2 per mille per month.

Another transaction was that on September 19 at Messrs. Lo and Lo's office when land and property covering over 66,000 square feet at Bowington being Lot No. 999 and Marine Lots 271, 283 (2) was sold for over \$1,000,000 the property being mortgaged with the Land Investment Co. for 70 per cent. of the price at 7 1/2 per cent. per annum.

A further property transfer mentioned is the sale completed on September 14 when a Mr. Lammert (?) bought New Kowloon Lots Nos. 110 and 111, comprising 23,000 square feet at Shamulpo at \$6.00 per sq. foot.

The Tsun Wan also discredits the rumour that about \$30,000,000 worth of property is due for completion of sale in September. As regards the statement that about ten or fifteen per cent. of the mortgages due for release and sales for completion have had to be postponed, our vernacular contemporary is not in a position to speak definitely. It attributes the slump rumours to a desire to admonish Chinese speculators for sending prices sky-high and concludes with a reference to a sale by the Land Investment Co. to two Chinese named Lai and Hung respectively, of 29 houses at Wang-chai being Lots Nos. 2253 to 2255 and Marine Lot 112 (2) the price being over \$500,000 and the property being mortgaged for sixty per cent. of the price at 7 per cent. interest per annum.

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COMMERCIAL COMMENT.

COTTON FANCY FASHIONS.

WHAT WILL NEXT YEAR BRING?

Mention of cotton fashions always arouses interest in the minds of piecegoods men. Hitherto quality and price were the main considerations. But with the new trend in thought and the influence of foreign environment designs have become a factor of paramount importance.

Firstly there came a few years ago, the imitation of designs on silks imported from Shanghai, the swastika of different contortions, the classical representations of the "ten thousand" and "long life" characters. These were gradually discarded for more open designs of floral work. However the plain and coloured stripes which had attained to popular favour years ago, were not ousted but merely improved upon or elaborated. Today they still find favour with the more conservative.

Latterly, silks have come from Shanghai with coloured prints, mostly of circular shape with flowers of two or three shades as the main feature. The addition of the printing turned out to be a profitable enterprise as the standard Chinese silks with the printed designs fetched, retail, as much as 40 cents per foot or \$1 a yard, 27 inches width, more than plain silk of an equal calibre. The lead was at once taken up and cotton fancies began to arrive with the printed designs on Chinese silks. It is stated that the cloth is shipped from Lancashire to Shanghai to be printed and then re-carried to here, the reason given being that it is the cheaper process.

This year leno or open work has been especially popular with the Chinese. Whether in swastika or floral designs or in place of stripes, the latter bearing a resemblance to a silk used in the fall known as "Lo," cotton fancies with leno design have commanded ready sale.

The Chinese have not gone far enough yet to have a centre of fashion although Shanghai usually takes the lead. There is no equivalent to the famous shipping centres in London, New York and Paris. Accordingly there is no actual authority to go to for an expression of opinion. With a view to obtaining a more or less accurate forecast, a China Mail man approached a number of dealers, exporters, retailers, brokers and representatives of the elite classes. The consensus of opinion predicts an early downfall of the Shanghai printed colours. This is ascribed to incompatibility with washing, to a number of inferior shades having been put on the market and to the likelihood of the eclipse of a passing phase like purple suits and purple hosiery two years ago.

It is believed that leno or open designs will gain in popularity, particularly the more simple ones. This season, a plain white cloth with perforated lines at intervals of about half an inch sold like the proverbial hot cakes.

Keen observers have also noted the tendency to use transparent materials. The Chinese have a cloth sometimes described as grass-cloth, which is used to a large extent in summer. This year a fair number of people have bought plain white voile or organdie instead. A few years ago this would have been considered immodest on the part of ladies but a good many can still be seen now wearing suits of voile or organdie with coloured printed designs.

LAWN BOWLS.

LOCAL RECORD MADE AT POLICE CLUB.

At the Police Club last night, in a bowls contest between Messrs. Hall and Greener, a local record for the number of heads played was established, when the latter defeated the former by 20 to 21. The scoring card read:

MR. HALL.	MR. GREENER.			
Ends	Points	Total	Points	Total
1	1	1	2	2
2	1	1	2	4
3	1	1	2	6
4	1	1	2	8
5	1	1	2	10
6	1	1	2	12
7	1	1	2	14
8	1	1	2	16
9	1	1	2	18
10	1	1	2	20
11	1	1	2	22
12	1	1	2	24
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14	1	1	2	28
15	1	1	2	30
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20	1	1	2	40
21	1	1	2	42
22	1	1	2	44
23	1	1	2	46
24	1	1	2	48
25	1	1	2	50
26	1	1	2	52
27	1	1	2	54
28	1	1	2	56
29	1	1	2	58
30	1	1	2	60
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FOURTH GYMKHANA.

HANDICAPS FOR FIRST DAY.

The handicaps in races 2, 5 and 7 (first day) for the fourth gymkhana meeting to be run on October 6 are as follows:—

2.—READING HANDICAP: A CLASS: THREE QUARTER MILE.—For China Ponies.

1st, \$300. 2nd, \$150. 3rd, \$100.

Roman Pride	170 lbs.
Strathfarrar	168 "
Diadem Dahlia	160 "
Drake	159 "
Clover Leaf	158 "
Arizona	152 "
Gold Bill	155 "
Bluebottle	153 "
Roman Sparrow	163 "
Pawshop	162 "
Pera Leaf	162 "
Ping Pong	160 "
Maine	148 "
Sharpshooter	148 "
Tegshop	146 "
In Spite Of	144 "

6.—READING HANDICAP: B CLASS: THREE QUARTER MILE.—For China Ponies.

1st, \$300. 2nd, \$150. 3rd, \$100.

Silver Bill (late Austral- boy)	163 lbs.
Wombat	168 "
Silvo	165 "
Nashua	164 "
Satisfaction Dahlia	154 "
Kaokuh Log	162 "
Lighting	162 "
Paper Dan (late Yarnish)	162 "
Dandy Kid	151 "
West River	148 "
Ding Dong	148 "
Yellow Hammer (late Shybird)	148 "
Tromp (late Dimpsey)	146 "
Discard (late undaunted King)	145 "

7.—READING HANDICAP: ONE AND A QUARTER MILE.—For China Ponies.

1st, \$350. 2nd, \$150. 3rd, \$100.

Roman Pride	170 lbs.
Yellow River	162 "
Drake	159 "
Diadem Dahlia	158 "
Clover Leaf	158 "
Ivy Leaf	157 "
Gold Bill	156 "
Peter King	155 "
Country Mouse	154 "
Orient Dahlia	154 "
Silver Bill	153 "
Arizona	151 "
Kilabarra	151 "
Pawshop	150 "
Navajo Scout	149 "
Roman Woodcock	147 "
Maine	147 "
Satisfaction Dahlia	145 "
In Spite Of	144 "
Paper Dan	142 "

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REPORT.

The Profit for the year ending July 31 last together with the amount brought forward from last year's account, after writing off \$61,271.42 for Depreciation and Bad and Doubtful Debts, and providing for Directors' and Auditors' fees, amounts to \$359,083.43 which is proposed shall be dealt with as follows:—

To pay a Dividend of \$1.50 per share on 200,000 shares	\$ 300,000.00
To add to Cattle Reserve	30,000.00
To add to Fire and Typhoon Insurance Fund	10,000.00
To carry forward	19,083.43
	\$ 359,083.43

TYPHOON WARNING.

At 8 o'clock this morning the American Consulate-General received the following cable from the Manila Observatory:—

- (1) Cyclone or typhoon west of Balintang Channel, moving N.E., or E.N.E.
- (2) Typhoon in about 11° Long. E., 16° Lat. N. Direction is unknown.

Advices from Seattle in the third week in July state that Japanese tramp tonnage is still very firm, owners indicating lump sum charters, which figure out at \$1.40 to \$1.50 per 1,000 ft. for lumber, this level being \$1.50 above Conference rates. The movement of forest products to the Orient is very brisk. There is much inquiry for grain space to Japan and Shanghai-Dairen, the going rate being \$6, although some lines are asking \$7 for North China ports.

TO SECRETARIES OF CLUBS AND OTHER INSTITUTIONS.

ALL preliminary notices of forthcoming meetings, lectures and entertainments, sent for insertion in the news columns of the China Mail, are charged for at the rate of \$1 each, for space in May and June of 1923, providing that they do not occupy more than four lines. In future if this space is exceeded they will be placed in the advertising columns at the prevailing rates.

SHIPPING.

CAN THE LEVIATHAN PAY?

U.S. SHIPS FOR U.S. GOODS.

Those British shipping men who enjoyed an inspection of the United States Lines liner "Leviathan" recently at Southampton, have often asked the question "Can a floating palace of this sort be a paying concern?" Apart from the cost of running such an expensive luxury liner, it has been shown that the "Leviathan's" dock and harbour dues alone at Southampton are \$1,875 each time she enters the port. By increasing her tonnage the "Leviathan" has to pay about \$600 in dues more than any other big liner on the round Atlantic trip.

However, in spite of all these heavy charges, the United States Shipping Board says that if she only carries one-third of her full complement of passengers the "Leviathan" will show a profit. One-third will mean 1,134 passengers, and on the first trip there were 1,769 passengers. The gross revenue from that trip is estimated at \$20,000 dollars. Direct operating costs were \$30,000 dollars. On the income side is also the amount received for mail.

On the first trip 20,000 dollars were received for 7,000 sacks of mail. As well as operating costs, 410,000 dollars a year have to be spent in interest to the Government on the sum of 6,200,000 dollars which they advanced for the "Leviathan." Another important item, which cannot be estimated exactly, comes under the heading "Depreciation, dry-docking charges, and renewals." To carry the one-third of the passengers she can accommodate in the whole year, and which the board say will show a good profit, the "Leviathan" will need passengers annually, and in view of the present keen competition on the Atlantic these passengers will need "some collecting."

The first object of the United States Shipping Board in spoon feeding its merchant fleet was to provide U.S. ships for U.S. trade. But shipping cannot be automatically regulated like this; natural economic forces come into play. Some of these are revealed in an illuminating report issued by the National Merchant Marine Association of New York.

Figures in this show that the total imports and exports carried by U.S. ships in April represented only 31.48 per cent. of the total U.S. foreign trade. This compares with 43 per cent. for the entire year 1922. During April U.S. ships carried 26.35 per cent. of imports and 37.45 per cent. of exports. For the first four months of 1923 foreign ships carried U.S. cargoes valued at 759,000,000 dollars more than cargoes carried by U.S. ships. Privately owned U.S. ships appear to be suffering more in this regard than the Shipping Board vessels.

For the first four months of 1923 the board's vessels carried 4 per cent. less of tonnage than in the same period of 1922. The private ships carried 21 per cent. less. The total cargoes carried in British ships gained 19 per cent., while other foreign ships gained 28 per cent.

WORLD SHIPPING.

GERMANY'S TONNAGE INCREASE THE LARGEST.

The 1923-24 edition of Lloyd's Register of Shipping, just issued, contains a record of 33,507 steamers, motor-vessels, and sailing vessels, of a total tonnage of 65,166,238, as compared with 64,370,786 tons in June 1922.

The countries with the largest increases are Germany, with 702,665 tons out of the total of 795,452, and Italy, with 167,407 tons. The largest decreases occurred in the United States sea-going tonnage (141,471), and France (108,548).

In 1914 the United Kingdom owned nearly 44½ per cent. of the world's seagoing steel and iron steam tonnage, the present percentage being just under 33. The United States now occupy second place with 12,416,000 tons, equal to 21.4 per cent.

The number of steam and motor-vessels of 4,000 tons and more has increased from 3,608 in 1914 to 5,636.

Great development in the use of steam turbine engines and of internal combustion engines is shown.

Less than 69 per cent. of the tonnage of the Merchant Marine now depends entirely upon coal, while in 1914 the percentage was nearly 89.

NEW ELLERMAN LINER.

Lesbian.—Built for the Ellerman Lines, Ltd., of Liverpool, the "Lesbian," a steel single screw steamer, was successfully launched by Swan, Hunter and Wigham Richardson, Ltd., from their Wallsend yard on July 31, the christening ceremony being performed by Mrs. Hayman-Joyce. The leading dimensions of the "Lesbian" are 271 ft. 4 in. by 41 ft. 6 in. by 23 ft. 9 in. forward and 22 ft. aft. She has a cruiser shaped stern, a combined poop and bridge, about 172

ft. 3 in. long, also a topgallant forecastle of 30 ft., and is rigged as a two masted fore and aft schooner. The ship is being built to the highest class of Lloyd's, is designed to carry about 3,425 tons on a draft of about 21 ft. 3 in., and has three cargo holds with four large hatchways leading to same, and eight cargo derricks. Waterballast will be carried in the double bottom all fore and aft, and in the after peak. The steam windlass and complete outfit of winches have been supplied by Harfield and Co., Ltd., of Blaydon-on-Tyne, the well-known builders of auxiliary machinery. The steam steering gear will be placed in a house on deck, aft of the engine-room, and a hand screw gear aft. A steel house amidships provides accommodation for the saloon, chief officer, apprentices, and stewards, and above this is a steel house with the captain's room and chart room. The engineers and remaining officers are berthed in steel houses abreast the engine casing, the seamen, firemen, and petty officers in the fore-castle. The ship is lighted throughout by electricity, and accommodation amidships is steam heated. A vertical donkey boiler is fitted for supplying steam to the winches, windlass, and other auxiliary machinery. The engines, which are of the ordinary inverted marine type, with three cranks, driving a single propeller, also the boilers of which there are two single-ended ones for a working pressure of 225 lbs. per square inch will be placed slightly abaft amidships, and are being built by the Wallsend Shipway and Engineering Co., Ltd., Wallsend-on-Tyne.

NEW SHIPS FOR OLD.

If the returns issued by Lloyd's Register giving particulars of the number and tonnage of vessels which have been lost, broken up, or condemned are studied with the object of making an estimate of the outlook for the shipbuilding industry, they give some grounds for hope. When it is noted that during the year 1922, no less than 710 vessels, representing nearly 900,000 tons, excluding ships of less than 100 tons, have disappeared from the Register, it is impossible to resist the conclusion that some replacement will be necessary at an early date. This reflection is strengthened by the fact brought out in the returns that the considerable tonnage which has been expunged from the active list is due not to actual casualties—which were, indeed, less in tonnage last year than is generally the case—but to the larger amount of tonnage which has been condemned. The tables show the amount of tonnage which has been so disposed of in the different countries of the world and they indicate that owners in Great Britain and Ireland have relegated to the scrapheap no less than 128,000 tons of ships which are regarded as obsolete.

It has been pointed out on many occasions in this journal, when the shipbuilding situation has been under discussion, that a considerable percentage of the surplus tonnage which exists when regard is paid to the demand for maritime transport facilities is either obsolete or is approaching the stage when it must pass into the hands of the shipbreaker. The efficiency of the merchant marine of any country cannot be measured by mere tonnage figures; the statistician must also take into account the type of ship and its suitability for the trade for which it was originally built, or the possibility of employing it in any class of service with the prospect of earning a profit under highly competitive conditions. Viewed from this standpoint, the ships which were condemned last year are only a small percentage of the total which must eventually be classified as unfit. The sooner their disappearance from the Register is brought about the sooner may a revival of the shipbuilding and shipping industries be expected. There can be no real revival until a balance is struck between the tonnage available for purposes of sea transport and the demands made upon it for trading requirements. A continuance of the breaking-up process and a moderate revival of trade may bring about a position of equilibrium at an earlier date than seems likely unless the statistics are read with these considerations in mind.

At the moment there is no evidence of any real desire to replace old and worn-out vessels by new ships. Stagnation reigns in the shipyards, and there are no signs of an early revival. The returns from the Clyde for last month, which are typical of the general situation, show that the output is the lowest in any single month, with the exception of April, 1922, for a generation. Not a single vessel of the ordinary type was put into the water from Clyde yards in July, a 700-ton dredger representing to all intents and purposes the launches of a whole month. It is true, of course, that the July holidays usually affect the Clyde output for that month, and there is the further fact that the continued absence of the boiler-makers is affecting the output of the Clyde and other shipbuilding areas. The only crumb of comfort in the position is that the lack of

new work, taken in conjunction with a new record in the reduction in the number and tonnage of effective ships, serves to increase the rate at which the disparity between the supply of shipping and the demand for it is being redressed. It will not need a long continuance of this state of affairs to bring about an approach to those normal conditions on the attainment of which hopes of a steady revival in the shipping and shipbuilding industries are mainly based.

PORT SAID.

The local plane of the Port Said light is 184 ft. above sea level, which gives a geographical range of 24 miles for the beams. At this distance they meet the surface of the sea, but owing to the fact that the observer on the deck of a ship the beam is visible at very much greater distances when the air is clear. The light will thus form a striking landmark, and adds more to the famous lights which Messrs. Chance Brothers have constructed. The Port Said light was constructed to the specification of the late Mr. Alex. Grafton, Superintendent Engineer of Lighthouses for the Egyptian Government. It replaces a light of the fourth order originally supplied by Messrs. Chance Brothers over twenty years ago, which had an electric lamp as illuminant. It may be mentioned that the manufacture of lighthouse apparatus was commenced by Messrs. Chance at their Spon-lane Works in 1850, and these works are the only ones in the world where lights are manufactured complete including the making of the necessary glass-Engineering.

MOTOR SHIPS.

Some interesting facts in connection with the recent progress made with motor ships in comparison with steamers, are brought out in the current issue of *The Motor Ship*. During the past three months, the tonnage of motor vessels under construction in the United Kingdom, has increased by over 40 per cent., whilst that of steamers has decreased by 10 per cent. Within the last three months, the "motor" ships commenced represented 88 per cent. more than during the previous quarter, whereas steamers show a reduction of no less than 51 per cent. It would appear that motor ships are now almost equally as popular with owners as steamers, for, during the period from the 31st of March to the 30th of June, the tonnage of new vessels, for which orders were placed, was in the proportion of 43 per cent. oil-engined vessels, and 75 per cent. steamers.

INTERNATIONAL MERCHANT MARINE.

The leading facts in the report of the International Mercantile Marine Company for 1922 were cabled early in June, but it is only now that details are available. The Company is an American one, but its affairs have a special interest here, because it controls the White Star, Red Star, American, Atlantic Transport, and Leyland lines. The White Star showed a profit of \$1,448,899 before charging \$512,723 for depreciation and \$126,102 for interest, and paid a dividend of 12½ per cent. but the accounts of the loss of \$1,269,783 (as against a profit of \$5,979,347 in 1921), after allowing nearly \$6,000,000 for depreciation of steamers. The report states that the results for the first four months of 1923 were even worse than those for the corresponding period of 1922, owing to the continuance of the same conditions and the supply of tonnage being far in excess of requirements. The Company is, however, getting a full share of the traffic in important trades.

WRECKED LINER.

CAPTAIN'S STORY OF ABNORMAL CURRENT.

The inquiry into the loss of the Canadian Pacific liner "Marvalde" of 11,438 tons, bound from Quebec to Glasgow, which struck a rock off Newfoundland on May 21, was opened in London.

The ship carried 201 passengers and 236 crew.

Harry Lewis, the captain, said that the vessel encountered much ice and intermittent fog. The ice conditions were wholly abnormal, being more than a month late in clearing as a result largely of easterly winds.

He attributed the stranding to the very unusual atmospheric conditions and to an abnormal current which set in about four and a half miles nearer to the coast than he expected. He had been on the Canadian route for 26 years and he had never experienced a current of this kind before.

GENERAL NOTES.

In the House of Lords, the Carriage of Goods by Sea Bill and the Merchant Shipping (Acts Amendment) Bill were read a third time and passed.

NOTICE TO SHIPPERS AND

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ANTWERP.

Sept. 30.—D. S. K.	London Maru.
Oct. 1.—P. & O.	Mantua.
2.—N. Y. K.	Hakosaki Maru.
3.—H. K. M.	Carl Legien.
10.—N. D. L.	Weser.
11.—H. A. L.	Oldenburg.
12.—G. L.	Glenloch.
13.—P. & O.	Karnala.
14.—N. Y. K.	Hakosaki Maru.
15.—P. & O.	Oledonia.
16.—P. & O.	Nelloro.
17.—B. F.	Adriatic.
18.—P. & O.	Nyana.
19.—H. A. L.	Harland.
20.—P. & O.	Kalyan.
21.—P. & O.	Dorabha.
22.—R. I.	Kaiser I. Hind.
23.—H. A. L.	Ermland.

HAMBURG.

Sept. 27.—E. A.	Java.
30.—J. R. K.	London Maru.
Oct. 1.—G. L.	Pembroke.
2.—R. B.	Carl Legien.
3.—G. L.	Ketosono.
11.—H. A. L.	Oldenburg.
12.—B. F.	Phenias.
13.—G. L.	Glenloch.
14.—N. D. L.	Weser.
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BREMER.

Oct. 11.—J. O. J. L.	Karlsruhe.
Nov. 5.—J. O. J. L.	Ostfriesland.
Dec. 7.—J. O. J. L.	Ostfriesland.

COPENHAGEN.

Nov. 10.—E. A.	Chila.
Dec. 12.—E. A.	Malaya.
Jan. 15.—E. A.	Asia.

MOVEMENT OF STEAMERS.

The N.Y.K. ss. "Tamba Maru" Bombay Passenger Line left for Hongkong on Sept. 23 and is expected here tomorrow.

The B. L. ss. "Benelux" from Middlebro, Antwerp, and London left for this port via Traits Pura and Suez on Aug. 18 and may be expected to arrive here on Sept. 29.

The B. L. ss. "Sofala" from Rangoon for this port on Sept. 19 with the outward English mails, and is due here on Oct. 4.

The B. F. ss. "Machon" left Liverpool on Sept. 14 for Hongkong, Shanghai, and Japan and is due here on or about Oct. 16.

The B. L. ss. "Benelux" from Middlebro, Antwerp, and London left for this port on Sept. 18 and may be expected to arrive here on Oct. 18.

The N.Y.K. ss. "Katori Maru" (European Line) left London for Hongkong via Suez on Sept. 10 and is expected here on Oct. 23.

The A. O. L. ss. "President McKinley" which sailed from this port on Sept. 24, at 5 p.m. arrived at Manila Sept. 28 at 7.30 a.m. and will depart for Hongkong Sept. 30 at 3.30 p.m. This steamer sails from Seattle to Shanghai, Kobe and Yokohama on Oct. 1 at 10 a.m.

The O.P. ss. "Empress of Russia" Capt. A. J. Hoeken, R.N.R., Commander, will leave for Victoria and Vancouver, B.C., via Shanghai and Wacunan (Nagasaki). Koba at 10 a.m. on Oct. 4.

LATEST SHIPPING NEWS.

ARRIVALS.

Hosang, (J. M. & Co.) from Singapore.—Kowloon Wharf.

Tango Maru, (N. Y. K.) from Nagasaki.—Kowloon Wharf.

Chihli, (B. & S.) from Hongkong.—Yaumati.

Glenfalloch, (Seng Soon Hong) from Singapore.—B13.

Java, (J. Manners) from Shanghai.—A8.

Eumaeus, (B. & S.) from Singapore.—Holt's Wharf.

President Wilson, (P. M. S.S.) from Shanghai.—Kowloon Wharf.

Hakodate Maru, (N. Y. K.) from Singapore.—A6.

DEPARTURES.

Ceylon Maru, (N. Y. K.) for Singapore.—September 27.

Gracchus, (B. L. S. N.) for Shanghai.—September 27.

Szechuen, (B. & S.) for Swatow.—September 27.

Glenfalloch, (Seng Soon Hong) for Swatow.—September 27.

Kwangtsh, (C. M. S. N.) for Shanghai.—September 27.

Replying to a question in the House of Commons, Sir W. Joynton Hicks said gold to the value of £3,817,232 had been saved from the wreck of the "Laurentic" to date. Operations are continuing.

The Orient Line announce considerable reductions in their first-class fares to Australia, consequent on the abolition of second-class accommodation in some of their steamers.

The Port of London Authority hopper No. 4 landed at Gravesend on July 30 a Japanese seaman who was picked up swimming near the Owens Buoy in the London river. He is now in Gravesend Hospital, and is presumed to be one of the crew of the steamer "Amur Maru" which sailed for Rotterdam on July 30.

VOTING CONTEST.

OUR \$50 PRIZE.

HONGKONG'S POPULAR PLEASURES.

WHAT ARE THEY?

CHINA MAIL'S 4th BIG FREE EVENT.

This week the China Mail's voting contest takes a new form. What are Hongkong's ten most popular pleasures? Name them in their order and win our \$50 prize.

Twenty different popular local pleasures are named below. Select the ten you consider the most popular and write them out in the order of your choice. Then cut out the form and send it to the "China Mail" office marked "Vote."

The list which comes nearest the correct solution will win the prize. The correct solution will be decided by the general vote, the item polling the most votes being placed first, the one coming next being placed second and so on until the list of ten is completed.

Therefore the secret of the contest is Not to select the ten most popular items in alphabetical order from our list. But to select the ten most popular items from our list and judge what place each individually will occupy—which will come first, which second, and so on until all ten have been placed.

The contest lasts from Monday to Saturday. The result will be announced in the "China Mail" on the succeeding Wednesday, when the winner's name will be published along with the correct list.

Every copy of the "China Mail" contains one form giving the reader one try for the prize. Regular readers thus have not less than six tries in one week. Competitors may send in as many forms as they like.

Forms should be sent in to reach the "China Mail" by Monday. Any forms received by the "China Mail" later than Monday will be discounted.

When making your choice use only the words given below. Any forms wrongly marked, mutilated, or indistinctly written will be ruled out.

The decision of the Editor upon any points which may arise shall be final. Members of the "China Mail" staff are debarred from entering the contest.

MAKE YOUR CHOICE HERE

Below we name twenty different popular pleasures. Select the ten you think the most popular.

1. Amateur Theatricals
2. Cards
3. Cinemas
4. Concerts
5. Dancing
6. Gardening
7. Mah Jong
8. Motoring
9. Painting
10. Photography
11. Picnics
12. Racing
13. Radio
14. Reading
15. Shopping
16. Singing
17. Sketching
18. Sport
19. Theatre
20. Walking

CUT THIS OUT

To the Editor
China Mail, Hongkong, Sept. 27, 1923.

Sir,
I consider the following the ten most popular local pleasures placed in the order in which I think they should appear:—

Please write clearly in block letters.

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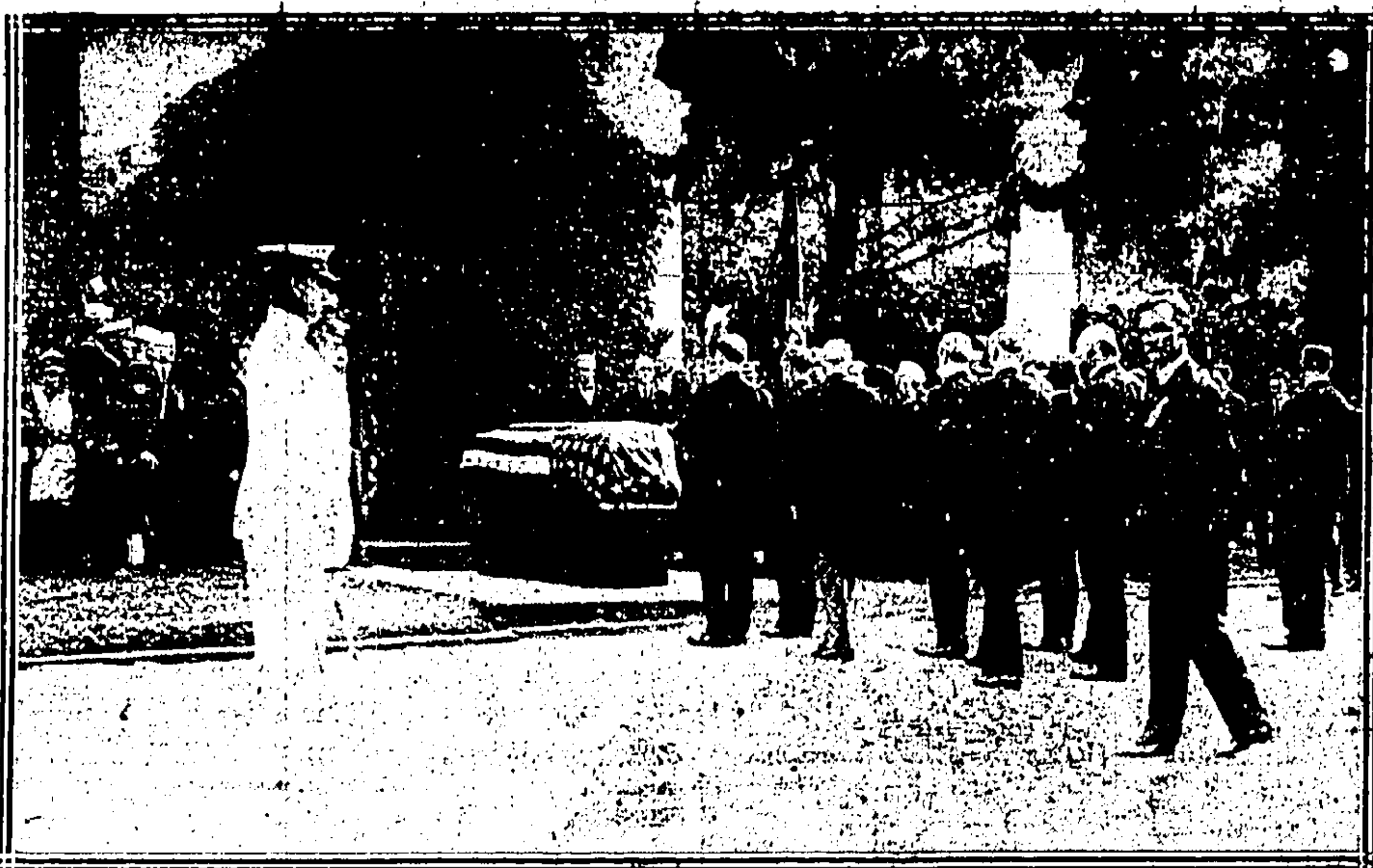
Lillian Palen

Eight-year-old Lillian Palen, blind since her birth, has had her sight restored by a delicate operation performed by Dr. Joel Whitacre. Four years after birth she was abandoned by her parents. Her pitiable case was brought to the attention of Dr. Whitacre, who charitably removed the cataracts from her eyes, giving her sight.

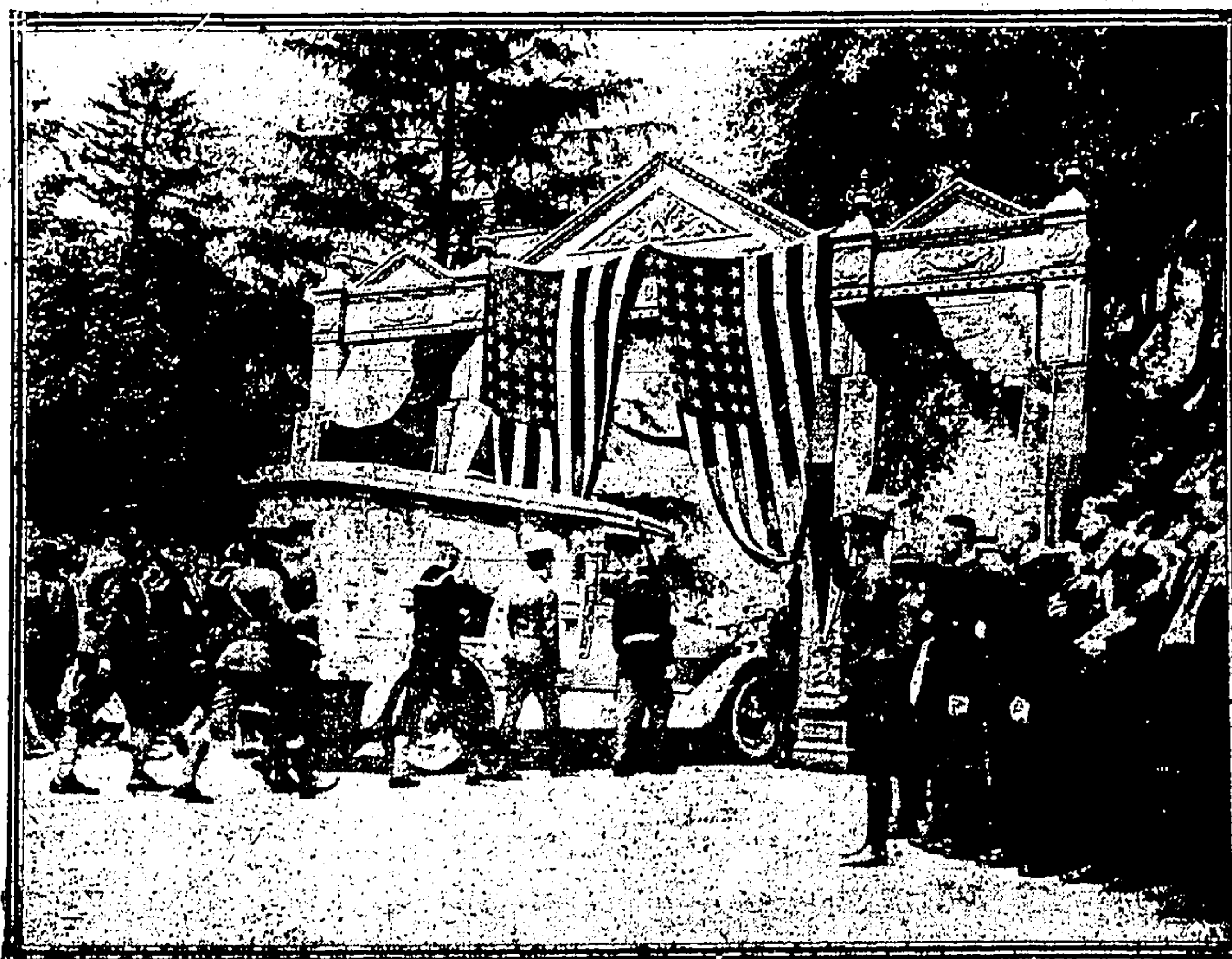


John Woelpin

John Woelpin, court crier, of Frederick, Md., is shown following the ancient custom of announcing from the steps of the court house of the old Maryland city that court is about to open. His next job will be when he announces the beginning of the trial of B. Edward Kepner, who is now charged with the murder of his wife, after the authorities at first had declared she was a suicide.



Leaders in American political life bowed farewell to Warren G. Harding before the flag draped casket was placed in the vault in Marion cemetery. Left to right: Chief Justice Taft, President Coolidge, Speaker of the House Gillette, Secretary of State Hughes, Secretary of the Navy Deby, Secretary of War Weeks.

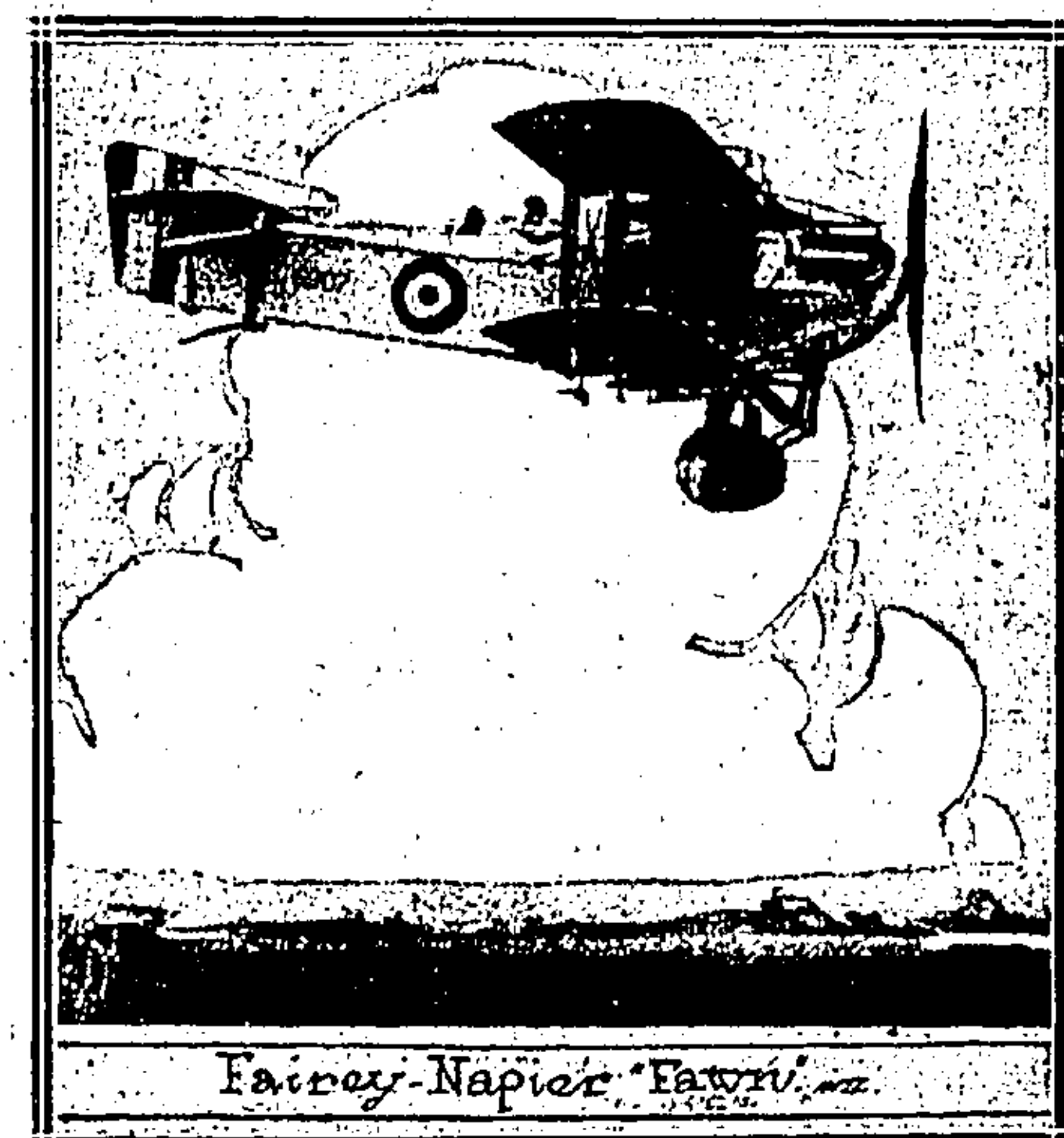


With its guard of soldiers, sailors and marines, the hearse bearing the body of the dead President rolled through the entrance of Marion cemetery, the goal of a 4,000 mile journey of sorrow.



President Calvin Coolidge

Here is the latest portrait of President Calvin Coolidge, taken just before he left Washington for his father's home in Vermont, where he became President of the United States after the sudden death of President Harding.



Fairey-Napier "Fawn"

Above is shown the first official photograph of the new Fairey-Napier "Fawn," the three-seater fighting aeroplane which is to scrap all the other fighting planes in the British Air Service. The new machine is much faster than the old-type machine and is an especially quick climber. It is capable of landing at slow speed and is manned by a pilot, a machine-gunner and an observer.

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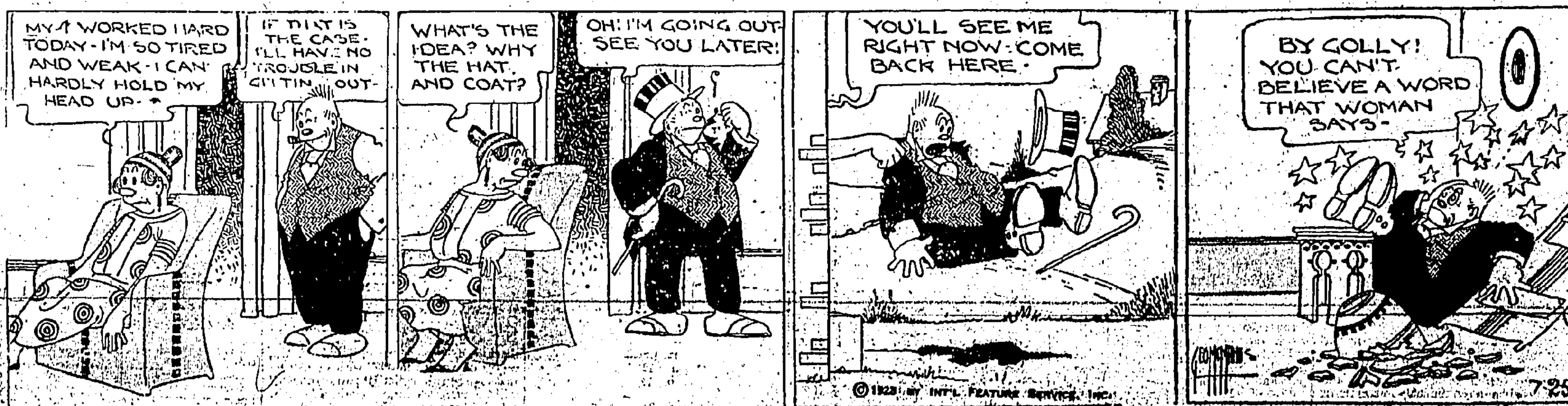
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